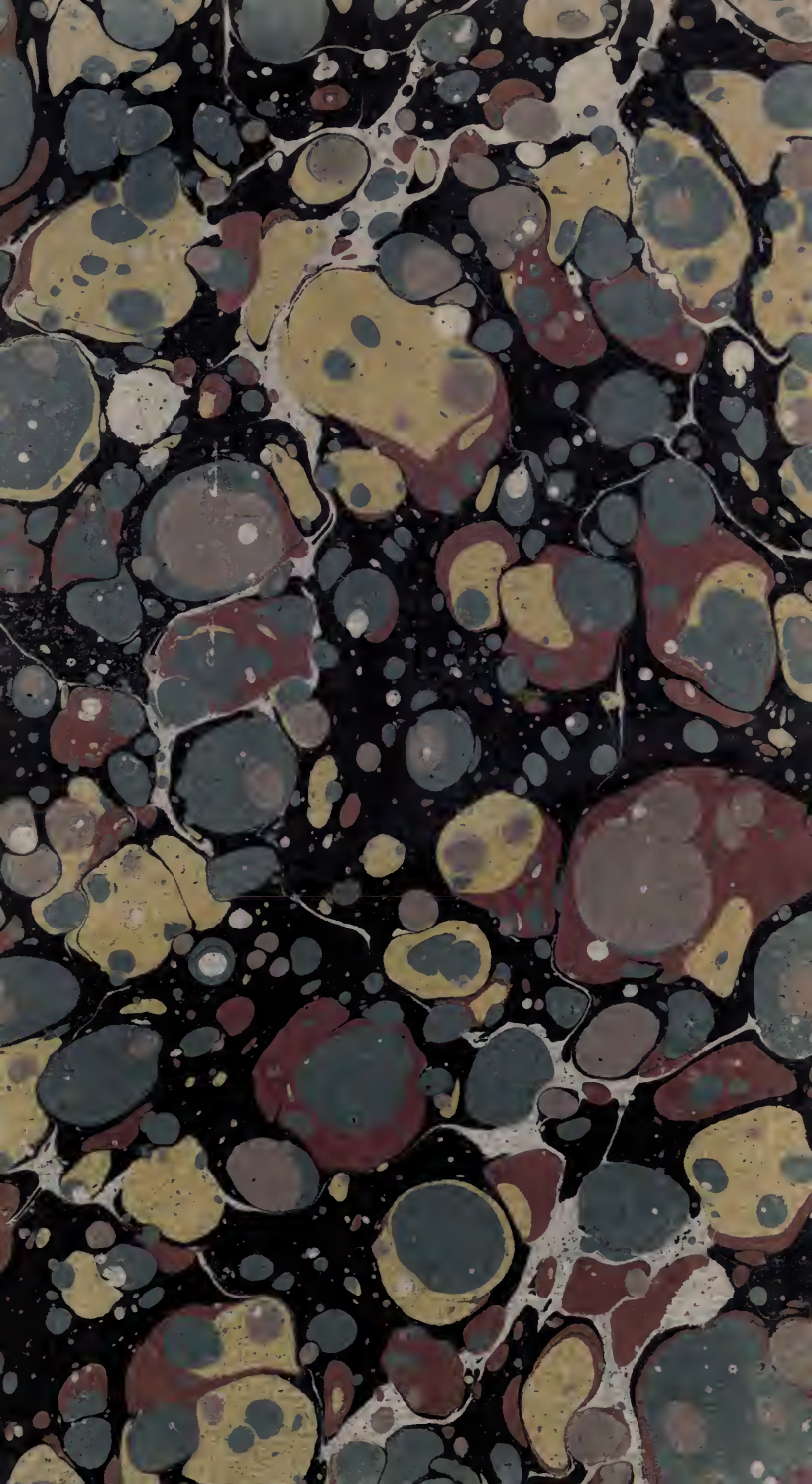




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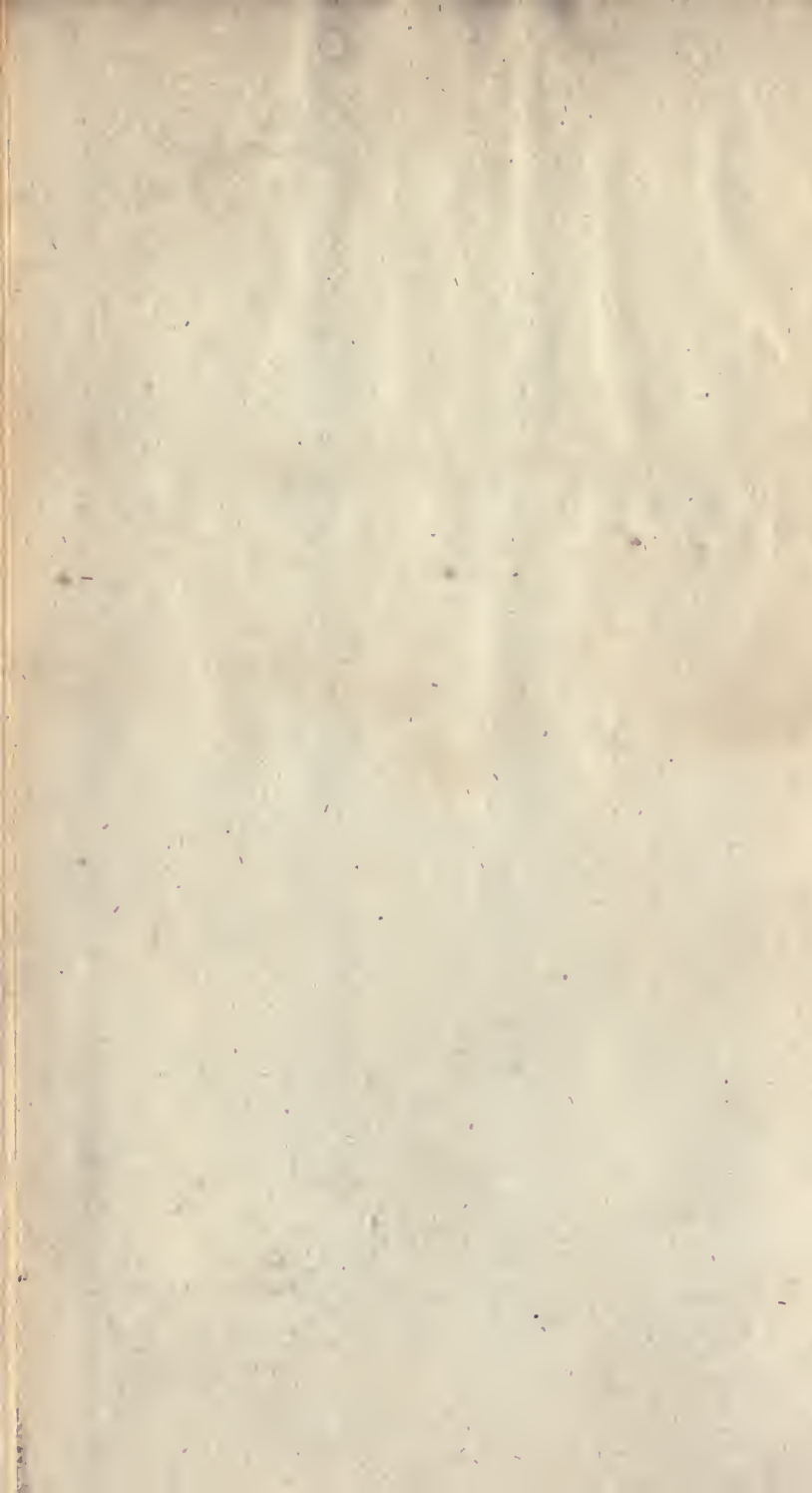




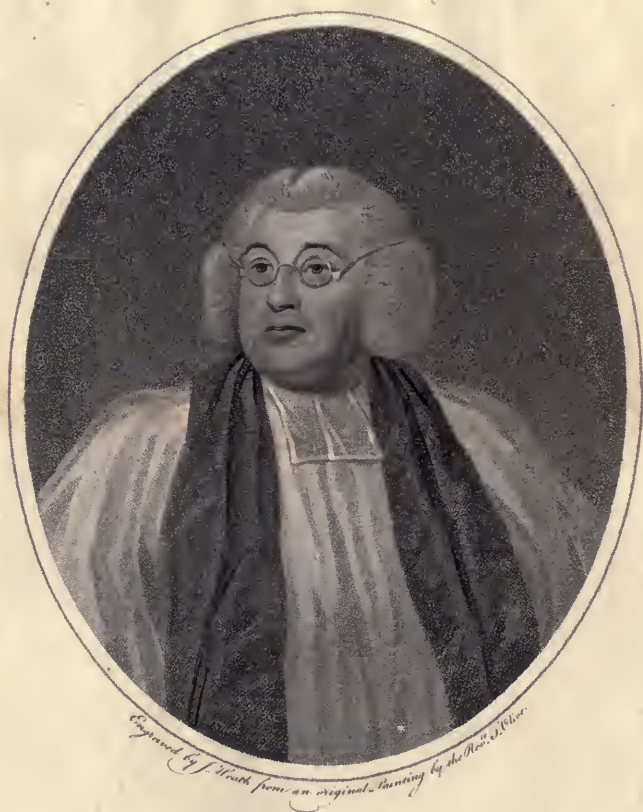
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A
PREFATORY EPISTLE

TO

WILLIAM STEVENS, Esq.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

THE works of the late Bishop Horne are in many hands, and will be in many more. No reader of any judgment can proceed far into them, without discovering, that the author was a person of eminence for his learning, eloquence, and piety; with as much wit, and force of expression, as were consistent with a temper so much corrected and sweetened by devotion.

To all those who are pleased and edified by his writings, some account of his life and conversation will be interesting. They will naturally wish to hear what passed between such a man and the world in which he lived. You and I, who knew him so well and loved him so much, may be
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suspected of partiality to his memory: but we have unexceptionable testimony to the greatness and importance of his character. While we were under the first impressions of our grief for the loss of him, a person of high distinction, who was intimate with him for many years, declared to you and to me, that he verily believed him to have been *the best man he ever knew*. Soon after the late Earl of Guildford was made Chancellor of the University of Oxford, another great man, who was allowed to be an excellent judge of the weight and wit of conversation, recommended Dr. Horne, who was then vice-chancellor, to him in the following terms: " My Lord, I question whether you know your vice-chancellor so well as you ought. When you are next at Oxford, go and dine with him; and when you have done this once, I need not ask you to do it again; you will find him the pleasantest man you ever met with." And so his lordship seemed to think (who was himself as pleasant a man as most in the kingdom) from the attention he paid to him ever after. I have heard it observed of him by another gentleman, who never was suspected of a want of judgment, that if some friend had followed him about with a pen and ink, to note down his sayings and observations, they might have

have furnished out a collection like that which Mr. Boswell has given to the public; but frequently of a superior quality; because the subjects which fell in his way were occasionally of an higher nature, out of which more improvement would arise to those that heard him: and it is now much to be lamented, that so many of them have run to waste*.

An allusion to the life of Dr. Johnson, reminds me how much it was wished, and by Dr. Horne in particular, who well knew and highly valued him, that Johnson would have directed the force of his understanding against that modern paper-building of philosophical infidelity, which is founded in pride and ignorance, and supported by sensuality and ridicule. A great personage was of opinion, that Johnson so employed would have borne them down with the weight of his language: and he is reported to have expressed the sentiment with singular felicity to a certain person, when the mischievous writings of Voltaire were brought into question; "I wish Johnson would mount his dray-horse, and ride over some of those fellows." Against *those fellows*

A collection of his thoughts on various subjects is preserved in a manuscript, written with his own hand.

Dr. Horne employed much of his time, and some of the most useful of his talents: not mounted upon a dray-horse, to overbear them; but upon a light courser, to hunt them fairly down; with such easy arguments, and pleasant reflexions, as render them completely absurd and ridiculous: an account of which will come before us in the proper place. His *Considerations on the Life and Death of John the Baptist*, and his sermon, preached in St. Sepulchre's church at London, for the benefit of a charity school for girls, on the *Female Character*, seem to me, above all the rest of his compositions, to mark the peculiar temper of his mind, and the direction of his thoughts. When I read his book on *John the Baptist*, I am persuaded, there was no other man of his time, whose fancy as a writer was bright enough, whose skill as an interpreter was deep enough, and whose heart, as a moralist, was pure enough, to have made him the author of that little work. His *Female Character*, as it stands in the sermon above-mentioned, now printed in his fourth volume, displays so much judgment in discriminating, such gentle benevolence of heart, and so much of the elegance of a polished understanding, in describing and doing justice to the sex; that every sensible and virtuous woman,

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who shall read and consider that singular discourse, will bless his memory to the end of the world.

While we speak of those writings which are known to the public, you and I cannot forget his readiness and excellence in writing letters; in which employment he always took delight from his earliest youth; and never failed to entertain or instruct his correspondents. His mind had so much to communicate, and his words were so natural and lively, that I rank some of his letters among the most valuable productions of the kind. I have therefore reason to rejoice, that amidst all my interruptions and removals, I have preserved more than a hundred of them; in reviewing of which, I find many observations on subjects of Religion, Learning, Politics, Manners, &c. which are equally instructive and entertaining; and would certainly be so esteemed if they were communicated to the world; at least, to the better part of it: for there were very few occurrences or transactions of any importance, either in the church, or the state, or the literary world, that escaped his observation; and in several of them he took an active part. But in familiar letters, not intended for the public eye (as none of his ever were), and suggested by the

incidents of the time, some of them trivial and domestic, there will be of course many passages of less dignity than will entitle them to publication. Yet, upon the whole, I am satisfied that a very useful selection might be made out of them; and I will not despair of making it myself at some future opportunity†.

From an early acquaintance with Greek and Latin authors, and the gift of a lively imagination, he addicted himself to Poetry; and some of his productions have been deservedly admired. But his studies were so soon turned from the treasures of classical wit to the sources of christian wisdom, that all his Poetry is either upon sacred subjects, or upon a common subject applied to some sacred use: so that a pious reader will be sure to gain something by every poetical effort of his mind. And let me not omit another remarkable trait of his character. You can be a witness with me, and so could many others who were used to his company, that few souls were

† In the Gentleman's Magazine for August 1793, p. 688, I threw out a letter of Bishop Horne, as a specimen both of the style and of the usual subjects of his epistolary writings. It was the first that came to hand on opening a large parcel of them: and I may leave every reader to judge whether that letter be not curious and important. Compared with the present times, it seems prophetic.

ever more susceptible than his of the charms of music, especially the sacred music of the church; at the hearing of which, his countenance was illuminated; as if he had been favoured with impressions beyond those of other men; as if heavenly vision had been superadded to earthly devotion. He therefore accounted it a peculiar happiness of his life, that from the age of twenty years, he was constantly gratified with the service of a choir; at Magdalen College, at Canterbury, and at Norwich. His lot was cast by providence amidst the sweets of cloystered retirement, and the daily use of divine harmony; for the enjoyment of both which he was framed by nature, and formed by a religious education. Upon the whole, I never knew a person, in whom those beautiful lines of Milton*, of which he was a great admirer, were more exactly verified:

But let my due feet never fail
To walk the studious cloyster's pale;
And love the high embowered roof
With antique pillars massy proof;
And storied windows richly dight,
Casting a dim religious light.
There let the pealing organ blow,
To the full voiced quire below;

* In the *Il Penseroso*.

In service high, and anthems clear,
 As may, with sweetness through mine ear,
 Dissolve me into extacies,
 And bring all heaven before my eyes.

You who are so perfectly acquainted with the discourse delivered at Canterbury, 1784, when the new organ was opened in the great church, may guess how refined his raptures were: by what he has there said, it may be known what he felt. And I can assure you farther, he was so earnest in this subject, that he took the pains to extract, in his own hand writing, all the matter that is most observable and useful in the five quarto volumes of Sir John Hawkins upon music. I find among his papers this curious abridgment, which is made with critical taste and discernment.

But his greatest affection being to the science of divinity, he would there of consequence make the greatest improvements; and there the world will find themselves most obliged to him. No considerable progress, no improvement in any science, can be expected, unless it be beloved for its own sake. How this can happen in divinity, all men may not be able to see: but it is possible for the eye of the understanding to be as truly delighted with a sight of the divine wisdom

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in the great œconomy of redemption and revelation ; as for the eye of the astronomer to take pleasure in observing the lights of heaven, or the naturalist in exploring and collecting, perhaps at the hazard of his life, the treasures of the natural creation. What I here say will be best understood by those, who know what affection, what animation, is found in the first writers of the christian church ; with what delight they dwell upon the wonders of the christian plan, and comment upon the peculiar wisdom of the word of God. To the best writers of the best ages he put himself to school very early, and profited by them so much, that I hope no injustice will be done to their memory, if I think he has in some respects improved upon his teachers.

A man with such talents and such a temper, must have been generally beloved and admired ; which he was almost universally ; the exceptions being so few, as would barely suffice to exempt him from that *woe* of the Gospel, which is pronounced against the favourites of the world. But his undisguised attachment to the doctrines of the Church of England, which are still, and, we hope, ever will be, of the *old fashion*, would necessarily

cessarily expose him to the unmannerly censures of some, and the frigid commendations of others, which are sometimes of worse effect than open scandal. But he never appeared to be hurt by any thing of this sort that happened to him. An anonymous pamphlet, which the public gave to the late Dr. Kennicott, attacked him very severely; and soon received an answer from him; which, though very close and strong, was the answer of a wise and temperate man. He also, in his turn, not foreseeing so much benefit to the Scriptures, as some others did, from Dr. Kennicott's plan for collating Hebrew manuscripts, and correcting the Hebrew text, wrote against that undertaking; expressing his objections and suspicions, and giving his name to the world, without any fear or reserve. But so it came to pass, from the moderation and farther experience of both the parties, that though their acquaintance began in hostility, they at length contracted a friendship for each other, which brought on an interchange of every kind office between them, and lasted to the end of their lives, and is now subsisting between their families. To all men of learning, who mean well to the cause of Truth and Piety, while they are warmly opposing one another,

another, may their example be a lasting admonition; but let not this observation be carried farther than it will go;

Non ut

Serpentes avibus gementur, tigribus agni.

In his intercourse with his own family, while the treasures of his mind afforded them some daily opportunities of improvement, the sweetness of his humour was a perennial fountain of entertainment to them. He had the rare and happy talent of disarming all the little vexatious incidents of life of their power to molest, by giving some unexpected turn to them. And occurrences of a more serious nature, even some of a frightful aspect, were treated by him with the like ease and pleasantry; of which I could give some remarkable instances.

Surely, the life of such a man as this ought not to be forgotten. You and I, who saw and heard so much of it, shall, I trust, never recollect it without being the better for it: and if we can succeed in shewing it so truly to the world, that they also may be the better for it, we shall do them an acceptable service. I have heard it said, and I was a little discouraged by it, that

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Dr. Horne was a person, whose life was not productive of *events* considerable enough to furnish matter for a history. But they who judge thus, have taken but a superficial view of human life ; and do not rightly measure the importance of the different events which happen to different sorts of men. Dr. Horne, I must allow, was no circumnavigator : he sailed neither with Drake, Anson, nor Cooke ; but he was a man, whose mind surveyed the intellectual world, and brought home from thence many excellent observations for the benefit of his native country. He was no military commander ; he took no cities ; he conquered no countries ; but he spent his life in subduing his passions, and in teaching us how to do the same. He fought no battles by land or by sea ; but he opposed the enemies of God and his Truth, and obtained some victories which are worthy to be recorded. He was no prime Minister to any earthly potentate ; but he was a Minister to the King of Heaven and Earth : an office at least as useful to mankind, and in the administration of which no Minister to any earthly King ever exceeded him in zeal and fidelity. He made no splendid discoveries in natural history ; but he did
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what was better : he applied universal nature to the improvement of the mind, and the illustration of heavenly doctrines. I call these *events* : not such as make a great noise and signify little ; but such as are little celebrated, and of great signification. The same difference is found between Dr. Horne and some other men who have been the subject of history, as between the life of the bee, and that of the wasp or hornet. The latter may boast of their encroachments and depredations, and value themselves on being a plague and a terror to mankind. But let it rather be my amusement to follow and observe the motions of the bee. Her journeys are always pleasant ; the objects of her attention are beautiful to the eye, and she passes none of them over without examining what is to be extracted from them : her workmanship is admirable ; her oeconomy is a lesson of wisdom to the world : she may be accounted *little among them that fly*, but the fruit of her labour is the *chief of sweet things*

You know, sir, what interruptions my life has been subject to for thirty years past, and there is some tender ground before us, on which I am to tread as lightly as truth will permit ;
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you will pardon me therefore if my progress hath not been so quick as you could have wished; and believe me to be, as I have long been,

Dear Sir,

Your most affectionate and

Obliged humble servant,

WILLIAM JONES.

THE
LIFE AND WRITINGS
OF

Dr. HORNE, &c.

DOCTOR George Horne, late Bishop of Norwich, and for several years President of Magdalen College in Oxford, and Dean of Canterbury, was born at Otham, a small village near Maidstone in Kent, on the first of November, in the year 1730. His father was the Reverend Samuel Horne, M. A. rector of Otham, a very learned and respectable clergyman, who for some years had been a tutor at Oxford. This gentleman had so determined with himself, to preserve the integrity of his mind against all temptations from worldly advantage, that he was heard to say, and used often to repeat it, he had rather be a toad-eater to a mountebank, than flatter any great man against his conscience. To this he adhered

adhered through the whole course of his life; a considerable part of which was spent in the education of his children, and in a regular performance of all the duties of his parish. He married a daughter of Bowyer Hendley, Esq. by whom he had seven children, four sons and three daughters. The eldest son died very young. The late Bishop was the next. His younger brother, Samuel, was a Fellow of University College; where he died, greatly respected and lamented. He inherited the integrity of his father, and was an *Israelite indeed*, who never did or wished harm to any mortal. Yet his character was by no means of the insipid kind: He had much of the humour and spirit of his elder brother; had a like talent for preaching; and was well attended to as often as he appeared in the University pulpit. His death was announced to an intimate friend by his elder brother in the following short and pathetic letter:

My dear Friend,

No date.

Last night, about half an hour past eight, it pleased God to take from us by a violent fit of the stone in the gall-bladder, my dear brother Sam. He received the blessed sacrament, with my mother and myself, from the hands of Dr. Wetherell*; and full of faith, with the most perfect resignation, departed in peace with God, the world, and himself. It is a heavy stroke to my poor mother; but she and my sisters bear up

* The present Master of University College, and Dean of Hereford, &c.

with

with great fortitude. I have lost a very dear friend, and pleasant companion ! Pray for us—All join, in every affectionate wish for the happiness of you and yours, with
G. H.

The youngest brother, the Reverend William Horne, was educated at Magdalen Colledge in Oxford, and is the present worthy rector of Otham, in which he succeeded his father, as also in the more valuable rectory of Brede in the county of Suffex.

Mr. Horne, the father of the family, was of so mild and quiet a temper, that he studiously avoided giving trouble upon any occasion. This he carried so far, that when his son George was an infant, he used to awake him with playing upon a flute; that the change from sleeping to awaking might be gradual and pleasant, and not produce an outcry; which frequently happens when children are awakened suddenly. What impression this early custom of his father might make upon his temper, we cannot say: but certainly, he was remarkable, as he grew up, for a tender feeling of music, especially that of the church.

Under his father's tuition, he led a pleasant life, and made a rapid progress in Greek and Latin. But some well meaning friend, fearing he might be spoiled by staying so long at home, advised the sending of him to school. To this his good father, who never was given to make much resistance, readily consented: and he was accordingly placed in the school at Maid-

sione, under the care of the Reverend Deodatus Bye, a man of good principles, and well learned in Latin, Greek and Hebrew; who, when he had received his new scholar and examined him at the age of thirteen, was so surpris'd at his proficiency, that he ask'd him why he came to school, when he was rather fit to go *from* school? With this gentleman he continued two years; during which, he added much to his stock of learning, and among other things a little elementary knowledge of the Hebrew, on the plan of Buxtorf, which was of great advantage to him afterwards. I am a witness to the high respect with which he always spoke of his master; whom he had newly left, when my acquaintance first commenced with him at University College, to which he was sent when he was but little more than fifteen years of age. When servants speak well of a master or mistress, we are sure they are good servants: and when a scholar speaks well of his teacher, we may be as certain he is, in every sense of the word, a good scholar.

I cannot help recounting, upon this occasion, that there was under the said Deodatus Bye another scholar very nearly related to Mr. Horne, of whom the master was heard to say, that he never did any thing which he wish'd him not to have done. But when the lad was told of this, he very honestly observ'd upon it, that he had done many things which his master *never heard of*. He is now in an office of great responsibility. They who placed him in it, suppos'd him

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still to retain the honesty he brought with him from Maidstone school; and I never heard that he had disappointed them.

While Mr. Horne was at school, a Maidstone scholarship in University College became vacant; in his application for which he succeeded, and, young as he was, the master recommended his going directly to College.

Soon after he was settled at University College, Mr. Hobson, a good and learned tutor of the house, gave out an exercise, for a trial of skill, to Mr. Horne and the present writer of his life, who was also in his first year. They were ordered to take a favourite Latin ode of Boëtius, and present it to the tutor in a different Latin metre. This they both did as well as they could: and the contest, instead of dividing, united them ever after, and had also the effect of inspiring them with a love of the Lyric Poetry of that author; which seems not to be sufficiently known among scholars, though beautiful in its kind. The whole work was once in such esteem, that King Alfred, the founder of University College, and of the English Constitution, translated it.

His studies, for a time, were in general the same with those of other ingenious young men; and the vivacity of his mind, which never was exceeded, and made his conversation very desirable, introduced him to many gentlemen of his own standing, who resembled him in their learning and their manners, particularly to Mr. Jenkinson (now Lord Hawkesbury),

Mr. Moore (now Archbishop of Canterbury), Mr. Cracherode, Mr. Benson, the Honourable Hamilton Boyle, son of Lord Orrery, the late Reverend Jasper Selwin, and many others. Mr. Denny Martin (now Dr. Fairfax, of Leeds Castle, in Kent) was from the same school with Mr. Horne; and has always been very nearly connected with him, as a companion of his studies, a lover of his virtues, and an admirer of his writings.

To shew how high Mr. Horne's character stood with all the members of his College, old and young, I need only mention the following fact. It happened about the time when he took his Bachelor's Degree, that a Kentish Fellowship became vacant at Magdalen College; and there was, at that time, no scholar of the house who was upon the county. The Senior Fellow of University College, having heard of this, said nothing of it to Mr. Horne, but went down to Magdalen College, told them what an extraordinary young man they might find in University College, and gave him such a recommendation as disposed the society to accept of him. When the day of election came, they found him such as he had been represented, and much more, and accordingly made him a Fellow of Magdalen College.

If we look back upon our past lives, it will generally be found, that the leading facts, which gave a direction to all that followed, were not according to our own choice or knowledge, but from the hand of an over-ruling providence, which acts without consulting

us; putting us into situations, which are either best for ourselves, or best for the world, or best for both; and leading us, as it led the Patriarch Abraham; of whom we are told, that he *knew not whither he was going*. This was plainly the case in Mr. Horne's election to Magdalen College. A person took up the matter, unsolicited and in secret: he succeeded. When Fellow, his character and conduct gave him favour with the society, and when Dr. Jenner died, they elected him President: the headship of the College introduced him to the office of Vice-chancellor: which at length made him as well known to Lord North, as to Lord Hawkesbury: this led to the Deanry of Canterbury, and that to the Bishopric of Norwich.

If we return now to the account of his studies, we shall there find something else falling in his way which he never sought after, and attended with a train of very important consequences. While he was deeply engaged in pursuit of Oratory, Poetry, Philosophy, History, and was making himself well acquainted with the Greek Tragedians, of which he was become a great admirer, an accident, of which I shall relate the account as plainly and faithfully as I can, without disguising or diminishing, drew him into a new situation in respect of his mind, and gave a new turn to his studies, before he had arrived at his Bachelor's degree. I may indeed say of this, that it certainly gave much of the colour which his character assumed from that time, and opened the way to most of his undertakings

and publications ; as he himself would witness if he were now alive.

It is known to the public, that he came very early upon the stage as an author, though an anonymous one, and brought himself into some difficulty under the denomination of an Hutchinsonian ; for this was the name given to those gentlemen who studied Hebrew and examined the writings of John Hutchinson Esq. the famous Mosaic Philosopher, and became inclined to favour his opinions in Theology and Philosophy.

About the time I am speaking of, there were many good and learned men of both Universities, but chiefly in and of the University of Oxford, who, from the representation given to the public, some years before, by the Right Honourable Duncan Forbes, then Lord President of the Court of Session in Scotland ; and from a new and more promising method of studying the Hebrew language, independent of Jewish error ; and from a flattering prospect also of many other advantages to the general interests of religion and learning, were become zealous advocates in favour of the new scheme of Mr. Hutchinson. Mr. Horne was led into this enquiry, partly by an accident which had happened to myself.

An attachment to some friends, then well known in the University for their abilities in music, of whom the principal were, Mr. Phocion Henley of Wadham College, Mr. Pixel of Queen's, and Mr. Short of Worcester, drew me often to Wadham College ; which

society has two Hebrew scholarships, on one of which there was a gentleman, a Mr. Catcott of Bristol, whose father, as I afterwards understood, was one of those authors who first distinguished themselves as writers on the side of Mr. Hutchinson, who possessed a very curious collection of fossils, some of which he had digged and scratched out of the earth with his own hands at the hazard of his life; a pit near Wadham College, which would have buried him, having fallen in very soon after he was out of it. This collection *

* It is now deposited in the public library at Bristol, to the corporation of which city he left that and his MSS. on a principle of gratitude for the preferment they had given him; and there I saw it in the year 1790, with many large and valuable additions.

Of the collector it may be truly said, that he was not only an *Hebraean* in his learning, but an *Israelite* in life and manners; to whose industry we owe a Treatise on the Deluge, which, when compared with many others, will be found to give the best and most curious information upon the subject. This good and innocent man, whose heart was well affected to all mankind, died before his time; and the manner of his death, if it has been truly reported, will raise the indignation of every sensible and charitable mind. He kept his bed with a bad fever; and when rest was necessary, he was disturbed by the continual barking of a dog that was chained up near at hand. When his friends sent a civil message desiring the dog might be removed till the patient was better, it was refused; and in the event, he was fairly barked to death. If this fact be true, how cheap are the lives and sufferings of some men in the estimation of others!—*Hercule! homini plurima ex homine sunt mala!*—for the dog intended no harm.—Of this gentleman himself, we are informed by one of his intimate friends, that when he settled his account at the year's end, he considered all the money that remained after his own debts were paid as the property not of himself but of the poor, to whose use he never failed to apply it.

I was invited to see, and readily accepted the invitation, out of a general curiosity, without any particular knowledge of the subject. This gentleman, perceiving my attention to be much engaged by the novelty and curiosity of what he exhibited, threw out so many hints about things of which I had never heard, that I requested the favour of some farther conversation with him on a future occasion. One conference followed another, till I saw a new field of learning opened, particularly in the department of Natural History, which promised me so much information and entertainment, that I fell very soon into the same way of reading. Dr. Woodward the physician, who had been a fellow labourer with Hutcheson, and followed very nearly the same principles, had made the Natural History of the Earth, and the diluvian origination of extraneous fossils, so agreeable and so intelligible, that I was captivated by his writings: and from them I went to others; taking what I found, with a taste and appetite, which could not, at that time, make such distinctions as I may have been able to make since. In the simplicity of my heart, I communicated some of the novelties, with which my mind was now filled, to my dear and constant companion Mr. Horne, from whom I seldom concealed any thing; but found him very little inclined to consider them; and I had the mortification to see, that I was rather losing ground in his estimation. Our College-Lectures on Geometry and Natural Philosophy (which were not very deep) we had gone through with some attention, and thought
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ourselves qualified to speak up for the Philosophy of Newton. It was therefore shocking to hear, that *attraction* was *no physical principle*, and that a *vacuum* never had been, and never would be, *demonstrated*. Here therefore Mr. Horne insisted, that if Sir I. Newton's Philosophy should be false in these principles, no Philosophy would ever be true. How it was objected to, and how it was defended, I do not now exactly remember; I fear, not with any profound skill on either side; but this I well recollect, that our disputes, which happened at a pleasant season of the year, kept us walking to and fro in the Quadrangle till past midnight. As I got more information for myself, I gained more upon my companion: but I have no title to the merit of forming him into what he afterwards proved to be.

In the same College with us, there lived a very extraordinary person. He was a classical scholar of the first rate, from a public school, remarkable for an unusual degree of taste and judgment in Poetry and Oratory; his person was elegant and striking, and his countenance expressed at once both the gentleness of his temper and the quickness of his understanding. His manners and address were those of a perfect gentleman: his common talk, though easy and fluent, had the correctness of studied composition: his benevolence was so great, that all the beggars in Oxford knew the way to his chamber-door: upon the whole, his character was so spotless, and his conduct so exemplary, that, mild and gentle as he was in his carriage

riage toward them, no young man dared to be rude in his company. By many of the first people in the University he was known and admired : and it being my fortune to live in the same staircase with him, he was very kind and attentive to me, though I was much his junior : he often allowed me the pleasure of his conversation, and sometimes gave me the benefit of his advice, of which I knew the meaning to be so good, that I always heard it with respect, and followed it as well as I could. This gentleman, with all his other qualifications, was a Hebrew scholar, and a favourer of Mr. Hutchinson's Philosophy ; but had kept it to himself, in the spirit of Nicodemus ; and when I asked him the reason of it afterwards, and complained of the reserve with which he had so long treated me in this respect ; " Why," said he, " these things are in no repute ; the world does not receive them ; and you being a young man, who must keep what friends you have, and make your fortune in the world ; I thought it better to let you go on in your own way, than bring you into that embarrassing which might be productive of more harm than good, and embitter the future course of your life : besides, it was far from being clear to me, how you would receive them ; and then I might have lost your friendship." It was now too late for such a remonstrance to have any effect ; I therefore, on the contrary, prevailed upon him to become my master in Hebrew, which I was very desirous to learn : and in this he acquitted himself with so much skill and kind attention,

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writing out for me with his own hand such grammatical rules and directions as he judged necessary, that in a very short time I could go on without my guide. I remember however, that I had nearly worked myself to death, by determining, like Duns Scotus in the Picture-Gallery, to go through a whole chapter in the Hebrew before night.

To this gentleman, whose name was George Watson, I recommended Mr. Horne at my departure from Oxford; and they were so well pleased with each other, that Mr. Horne, instead of going home to his friends in the vacation, staid for the advantage of following his studies at Oxford, under the direction of his new teacher: and in the autumn of the year 1749, he began a Series of Letters to his Father, which fill above thirty pages in large quarto, very closely written; from the whole tenor of which, it is pleasant to see, how entire a friendship and confidence there was between a grave and learned father, and a son, not yet twenty years of age! Of these Letters, though they are by no means correct enough, either for style or judgment, to stand the test of severe criticism, it is highly proper I should give some account; to shew what those opinions were, which had now got possession of his mind; intermixing with my abstract such notes and explanations as shall seem requisite for a better understanding of it.

Having first apologized to his father, for not visiting him in the vacation, he gives him an account of his teacher. "I am obliged for the happiness I have enjoyed

enjoyed of late to a gentleman of this society, and shall always bless God that his providence ever brought me acquainted with him. He is a Fellow of our house; and though but six-and-twenty, as complete a scholar in the whole circle of learning, as great a divine, as good a man, and as polite a gentleman, as the present age can boast of." These words of Mr. Horne I introduce with peculiar satisfaction; because they afford so strong a concurring testimony to the truth of what I have already ventured to say of Mr. Watson. This excellent man never published any large work, and will be known to posterity only by some occasional pieces which he printed in his life-time. His Sermon on the 19th Psalm, which he preached before the University, and afterwards left the printing of it to my care, so delighted Mr. Horne (as it appears from these Letters to his father) that it probably raised in his mind the first desire of undertaking that Commentary on the whole book of Psalms, which he afterwards brought to such perfection*. Mr. Watson published another Sermon on the Divine Appearance in Gen. 18; which was furiously shot at by the bush-fighters of that time in their Monthly Review; in-somuch that the author thought it might be of some service to take up his pen and write them a letter; in which their insolence is reproved with such superior dignity of mind and serenity of temper, and their ignorance and error so learnedly exposed, that if I were

* This is the gentleman who is spoken of in a Note to the Comment on Ps. 19.

desirous of shewing to any reader what Mr. Watson was, and what *they* were, I would by all means put that letter into his hand; of which I suppose no copies are now to be found, but in the possession of some of his surviving friends. It is however made mention of with due honour by Dr. Delany, the celebrated Dean of Down in Ireland, who was once the intimate friend of Swift, and has given us the best account of his life and character in his Observations in answer to Lord Orrery. In a Preface to the third volume of his Revelation examined with Candour, which he printed at London very late in life, he speaks of a malignant style of criticism, in practice at that time with the obscure and unknown authors of a Monthly Review; and observes upon the case, that "he must seem at first sight a rash as well as a bold man, who would venture to wage war at once with Billingsgate and Banditti. And yet in truth," adds he, "such a war-(defensive only) hath been waged with them to great advantage, by a gentleman, whose mind and manners are as remote from illiberal scurrility and abuse, as his adversaries appear to be from learning, from candour, and from every character of true criticism. Mr. Watson, the defendant here mentioned, hath, in return to their scurrility, answered and exposed them with strong, clear and irresistible reasoning, and such a meek calm and Christian spirit, as hath done honour to his own character, and uncommon justice to the Christian cause; such as were sufficient to silence any thing but effrontery, hardened in ignorance, to the end of the

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the world." Mr. Watſon alſo printed a Sermon, preached before the Univerſity on the 29th of May, which he calls an Admonition to the Church of England. In a long Preface to this Sermon, he has thrown out ſuch valuable obſervations, that an excellent Manual might be formed out of them, for preſerving the members of the Church of England ſteady in their profeſſion; by ſhewing to them, ſo plainly as is here done, the principal dangers to which they are now expoſed. Having ſaid thus much of his teacher (and I could with pleaſure have ſaid much more), I muſt now ſhew what he learned under him.

From the general account he gives of his ſtudies, he appears, in conſequence of his intercourſe with Mr. Watſon, to have been perſuaded, that the System of Divinity in the Holy Scripture is explained and attested by the ſcriptural account of created nature; and that this account, including the Moſaic Coſmogony, is true ſo far as it goes: and that the Bible in virtue of its originality is fitter to explain all the books in the world than they are to explain it. That much of the learning of the age was either unprofitable in itſelf, or dangerous in its effect; and that Literature, ſo far as it was a faſhion, was in general unfavourable to Chriſtianity, and to a right underſtanding of the Scripture. That the Jews had done much hurt in the Hebrew; not to the text by corrupting it, but by leading us into their falſe way of interpreting and underſtanding it; and that their Rabbinical writers were therefore not to be taken as teachers by Chriſtian ſcholars.

scholars. That a notion lately conceived of the Mosaic Law, as a mere civil or secular institution, without the doctrines of life and immortality in it, was of pernicious tendency; contrary to the sense of all the primitive writers, and the avowed doctrine of the Church of England. That the sciences of Metaphysics and Ethics had a near alliance to Deism; and that in consequence of the authority they had obtained, the doctrine of our pulpits was in general fallen below the Christian standard; and that the Saviour and the Redemption, without which our religion is nothing, were in a manner forgotten; which had given too much occasion to the irregular teaching of the Tabernacle. That the sin of modern Deism is the same in kind with the sin of Paradise, which brought death into the world; because it aspires to divine wisdom, that is, to the knowledge of divine things, and the distinction between good and evil, independent of God.

He had learned farther, that the Hebrew language, and the Hebrew antiquities, lead to a superior way of understanding the mythology and writings of the Heathen classical authors: and that the Hebrew is a language of ideas; whose terms for invisible and spiritual things are taken with great advantage from the objects of nature; and that there can be no other way of conceiving such things, because all our ideas enter by the senses: whereas in all other languages, there are arbitrary sounds without ideas.

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some popular mistakes in Natural Philosophy, and threatened to banish all religion out of the world. Voltaire began very early to make his use of Philosophy, and corrupt the world with it. He never was fit to mount it; but he walked by the side of it, and used it as a stalking-horse. It is therefore of great consequence to scholars to know, that as the heavens and the elements of the world had been set up by the Heathens, as having power in themselves; and that as the Heathens, building on this false foundation, had lost the knowledge of God; the modern doctrine, which gives innate powers to matter, as the followers of Democritus and Epicurus did, would probably end in Atheism*. That the forces, which the modern Philosophy uses, are not the forces of nature; but that the world is carried on by the action of the elements on one another, and all under God. That it is no better than raving, to give active powers to matter, supposing it capable of acting where it is not, and to affirm, at the same time, that all matter is inert, that is inactive, and that even the Deity cannot act but where he is present, because his *power* cannot be but where his *substance* is.

He was also convinced, that infinite mischief had been done, not only by the tribe of Deists and Philosophers, but by some of our most celebrated divines, in extolling the dignity of human nature and the wisdom of human reason; both of which the scripture

* This hath now actually come to pass.

delivers to us under a very different character; which the experience of the world is daily confirming. That infidels and profligates should wish to establish their own opinions upon the ruins of revelation, was not to be wondered at; but that they, whose office it was to dress and defend the sacred vineyard, should fall in with them, and join with the wild boar out of the wood to root it up, was a matter of grief and surprise. A distemper must indeed be epidemical, when the Physicians themselves are seized with it. This malady, when traced to its fountain head, appears to have arisen from a general neglect in schools and seminaries of the study of the Scriptures in their original languages; where they attend so much to the works of Heathens, and so little to the book of light, life and immortality. While the heads of boys are filled with tales of Jupiter, Juno, Mars, Bacchus, and Venus, the Bible is little heard of; and so the Heathen creed becomes not only the first, but the whole study. Jews, mistaken as they are, are still diligent in teaching the Scripture to their children in their own way; while we are teaching what even Jews are wise enough to abominate. Possessed by this opinion, that all polite knowledge is in Heathen authors, and the Bible but a dull heavy book, which instead of promoting rather stands in the way of improvement, a lad is sent from school to the University. Here is a very alarming crisis. If he happen to be of a sprightly wit, he falls into loose company, and, for want of religious principles, is led into all manner of wickedness. Should

he study, he obtains logic under the form of a scholastic jargon, which in its simplicity* is of excellent use. Then he learns a system of Ethics, which teaches morals without religious data, as the Heathens did. After which, he probably goes on to Wollaston, Shaftsbury, and others; and is at length fixed in the opinion, that reason is sufficient for man without revelation. Our young philosopher, having proceeded thus far, wants nothing but Metaphysics to complete him; by setting him to reason without principles, to judge without evidence, and to comprehend without ideas. He learns to deduce the being and attributes of God *a priori*; in consequence of which he discovers, that God is not a Trinity, but a single person. When a gentleman thus equipped takes the Bible into his hand and commences divine, what must become of *it*, and of *him*! Thus it appears, that, as things go now, a man may be a master of what is called human learning, and yet ignorant to the last degree of what only is worth knowing.

The foregoing abstract, which I have taken as faithfully as I could, is sufficient to shew what great and important subjects his mind was employed upon at this early period of his life. In the course of this correspondence, there are several strokes of humour which ought not to be forgotten. The Hebrew Con-

* The more *simple* the better; but the *old logic*, even with all its jargon, is a better guard to truth, than the new which has superseded it; and is found by many who have considered the difference, so to be.

cordance of Marius de Calasio had lately been republished by the Rev. Mr. Romaine, and was an expensive work, so high as ten guineas at that time, though now at a price very much reduced. Mr. Horne had set his heart upon this work, as thinking it necessary to his present studies; but knew not how to purchase it out of his allowance, or to ask his father in plain terms to make him a present of it; so he told him a story, and left the moral of it to speak for itself.

In the last age, when Bishop Walton's Polyglott was first published, there was at Cambridge a Mr. Edwards, passionately fond of oriental learning; who afterwards went by the name of Rabbi Edwards: a good man, and a good scholar: but being then rather young in the University, and not very rich, Walton's great work was far above his pocket. Nevertheless, not being able to sleep well without it, he sold his bed, and some of his furniture, and made the purchase. In consequence of which, he was obliged to sleep in a large chest, originally made to hold his clothes. But getting into his chest one night rather incautiously, the lid of it, which had a bolt with a spring, fell down upon him and locked him in past recovery; and there he lay well nigh smothered to death. In the morning, Edwards, who was always an exact man, not appearing, it was wondered what was become of him: till at last his bed-maker, or the person who in better times *had been his bed-maker*, being alarmed, went to his chambers time enough to release him: and the accident, getting air, came to the ears of his

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friends, who soon redeemed his bed for him. This story Mr. Horne told his father; and it had the desired effect. His father immediately sent him the money; for which he returns him abundant thanks, promising to repay him in the only possible way, viz. that of using the books to the best advantage. They were without question diligently turned over while he worked at his Commentary on the Psalms, and yielded him no small assistance.

The use of Hebrew to divines was well understood by Bishop Bull, who did not content himself with a slight and superficial knowledge of it; and judged it so necessary in divinity, that it was usual with him to recommend the study of it to the candidates for orders, as a foundation for their future theological performances. Without this knowledge in Mr. Horne, we should never have seen his Commentary upon the Psalms.

When a student hath once persuaded himself that he sees truth in the principles of Mr. Hutchinson, a great revolution succeeds in his ideas of the natural world and its œconomy. *Qualities in matter*, with a *vacuum* for them to act in, are no longer venerable; and the authority of Newton's name, which goes with them, loses some of its influence. Nor is this in the present case so much to be wondered at: for Mr. Hutchinson had conceived an opinion, which possessed his mind very strongly, that Sir I. Newton and Dr. Clarke had formed a design, by introducing certain speculations founded on their new mode of philosophizing,

zing, to undermine and overthrow the theology of the Scripture, and to bring in the Heathen *Jupiter* or Stoical *anima mundi* into the place of the true God whom we Christians believe and worship. This will seem less extravagant, when it is considered Mr. Boyle* had also expressed his suspicions, many years before, that Heathenism was about to rise again out of some new speculations, and reputedly grand discoveries, in Natural Philosophy. Yet I am not willing to believe, that the eminent persons above mentioned had actually formed any such design. What advantage unbelievers have, since their time, taken of their speculations in divinity and philosophy, and of the high repute which has attended them, and of the exclusive honours given to mathematical learning and mathematical reasoning, is another question; and it calls for a serious examination at this time, when the moral world is in great disorder, from causes not well understood.

However these things may be, the prejudice so strongly infused by Mr. Hutcheson against an evil design in Clarke and Newton, took possession of Mr. Horne's mind at the age of nineteen; and was farther confirmed by reports which he had heard of a private good understanding betwixt *them* and the *Sceptics* of the day, such as Collins, Toland, Tindal, &c. more than the world generally knew of. It is an undoubted fact, that there was an attempt to in-

* The passage from Mr. Boyle is quoted in *The Scholar Armed*, lately published for Rivingtons, vol. ii. p. 282.

introduce Atheism, or Materialism, which is the same thing, here in England, toward the beginning of this century ; of which the *Pantheisticon* of Janus Junius Eloganesius, a technical name for John Toland, is a sufficient proof : and Hutchinson, who knew all the parties concerned, and the designs going forward, dropped such hints in his *Treatise on Power** Essential and Mechanical, as gave a serious alarm to many persons well disposed. But our young scholar, viewing the whole matter at first on the ridiculous side, and considering it not only as a dangerous attempt upon religion, but a palpable offence against truth and reason ; drew a parallel between the Heathen doctrines in the *Somnium Scipionis* of Cicero, and the Newtonian plan of the Cosmotheoreal System : of which parallel I shall not undertake to justify the particulars. I see its faulty flights and wanderings, from a want of more mature judgment and experience. It provoked several remarks, some in print, and some in manuscript, of which remarks the judgment was not greater, and the levity not less. The question was in reality too deep for those who attempted to fathom it at that time. Mr. Horne soon saw the impropriety of the style and manner, which as a young man he had assumed for merriment in that little piece : these were by no means agreeable to the constitution of his mind and temper. He therefore observed a very different manner afterwards ; and, as soon as he had taken time to bethink

* See p. 243, &c. of the old edition ; beginning with the account of Woodward's conduct.

himself, he resumed and reconsidered the subject; publishing his sentiments in a mild and serious pamphlet, which he called *A fair, candid, and impartial State of the Case between Sir I. Newton and Mr. Hutchinson*: allowing to Sir Isaac the great merit of having settled laws and rules in Natural Philosophy; but at the same time claiming for Mr. Hutchinson the discovery of the true physiological causes, by which, under the power of the Creator, the natural world is moved and directed. The piece certainly is what it calls itself, *fair, candid, and impartial*; and the merits of the cause are very judiciously stated between the two parties: in consequence of which, a reader will distinguish, that Newton may be of sovereign skill in measuring *forces* as a Mathematician; and yet, that Hutchinson may be right in assigning *causes*, as a Physiologist. It would carry me out too far, if I were to shew by what arguments and evidence Mr. Horne has supported this distinction. For these I must refer to the pamphlet itself, which being now very scarce, will probably be reprinted with some others of his works: and I will venture to say thus much in its behalf, that whatever becomes of the argument, the manner in which it is handled shews Mr. Horne to have been, at the age when he wrote it, a very extraordinary young man.

New studies and new principles will never fail to bring a man into new company; all mankind being naturally disposed to associate with those who agree best with themselves. Of these his new friends it will

be just and proper to give some short account. The chief of these was Mr. Watson, whom I have already mentioned. Another of them was Dr. Hodges, the Provost of Oriel College; who composed a work to which he gave the title of *Elihu*; the chief subject of it being the character of Elihu in the book of Job. The style of it has great dignity and stateliness, without being formal; and is at the same time clear, and easy to be understood. Dr. Hodges was undoubtedly a very great master of his pen; but having declared himself without reserve in favour of Mr. Hutchinson's doctrines, his work was virulently assailed and grossly misrepresented. Of this he complained; as he might well do: and what did he get by it? He was told in return, that a writer upon the Book of *Job* should take every thing with *patience*! His book, however, went into a second edition. He was a man of a venerable appearance, with an address and delivery which made him very popular as a preacher in the University.

The Rev. Mr. Holloway, Rector of Middleton-Stoney in Oxfordshire, had been a private tutor to Lord Spencer, in the house of the Hon. John Spencer his father; who, with all his extravagances, never failed to preserve due respect* to Mr. Holloway, and
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* A military gentleman, who was sometimes of the party, remarked to a friend, that the strictest decorum was always observed, whenever Mr. Holloway, who supported the dignity of his profession, was present; while another clergyman, who thought to
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listened to him with attention, when he conversed freely with the company at his table. This gentleman had been personally acquainted with Mr. Hutchinson, and had published an elementary piece in favour of his philosophical principles. But he was better known in the University of Oxford by three excellent discourses on the Doctrine of Repentance, with a Supplement in answer to the perverse Glosses of Tindal the Freethinker. The Vice-chancellor of that time took a pique against him for dropping a hint, in his Supplement against Tindal, that the person of Melchizedec was an exhibition of Christ before his Incarnation. This was no novel opinion; it had been advanced by others, before and after the Reformation; and in *them* the doctrine had given no offence. But Mr. Holloway, being a man suspected and proscribed on some other accounts, met with some hard and unworthy treatment upon the occasion: yet to avoid a misunderstanding with the whole University, when only some individuals were concerned, he suppressed what he had written in his own defence. His scheme for an Analysis of the Hebrew Language, though it comprehends a vast compass of learning, is partly fanciful, and would bear a long dispute, into which I shall not enter: but this must be said in respect to Mr. Horne, that when he first commenced his theolo-

recommend himself by laying aside the clerical character, was treated with little ceremony and held in sovereign contempt; from which he naturally inferred, that the clergy would not fail to meet with proper respect, if it was not their own fault.

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* This was written before I had a sight of the learned Bishop Hurd's Life of Dr. Warburton, lately published, in which such sublime praises are bestowed on the Alliance, the Divine Legation, and other works of that fanciful but very ingenious projector of unfound-

Mr. Holloway, whatever might be said against him, it must be said for him, that he was a sound classical scholar, who had gone farther than most men into the mysteries of the Greek Philosophy; and to an attentive study of the Christian Fathers had added great skill in the Hebrew and Arabic languages; such as qualified him to take up and maintain the cause of the *Hebrew Primævity* against its opponents. Confined as he was to the solitude of a country parish, if he found himself out of practice in the writing of Latin, he used to renew it occasionally by reading over the *Moriæ Encomium* of Erasmus, which never failed to reinstate him: and I am persuaded the anecdote may be of use to other scholars when in danger of losing their Latinity.

Mr. Holloway was first induced to take notice of Mr. Horne, on occasion of some verses which he had addressed to his friend Mr. Watson. They expressed

ed theories. Though I honour the character of Bishop Hurd, and admire every thing he writes, my opinion of the *usefulness* of the works of Dr. Warburton is very little changed by what I have seen. I am still persuaded, that neither religion nor learning will ever derive much benefit, nor the Christian world any considerable *edification*, from the works of that famous writer: neither will they probably derive any great harm; because it is apprehended, the reading of Bishop Warburton's books will hereafter be much less than it hath been. The Methodists despised him for a part of his Christian character, as much as he despised them for a part of their character; and both had equal reason. His learning is almost as much unlike to Christianity, as their Christianity is unlike to learning. I forbear to indulge any farther reflexions on so critical a subject.

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the ardor of his gratitude, and discovered a poetical genius.*

The Rev. Mr. Welbourne of Wendelbury near Bicester in Oxfordshire, whom from the monastic spirit of a single life, and a remarkable attachment to the study of Antiquity, Mr. Horne delighted to call by the name of *Robertus Wendelburiensis*, was very much respected and beloved, and often visited by Mr. Horne so long as he lived. Educated at Westminster and Christchurch, he was a scholar of the politer class; and with it a deep and skilful student in the Scripture, of which he gave a specimen in an interpretation of the last words of David from the Hebrew. He went farther in this, and with better success, than the learned and ingenious Dr. Grey, the versifier of the Book of Job, after the manner of Bishop Hare's Psalms, with whom he had been acquainted. He wrote well in English and Latin, and composed several learned works, which had their exceptionable passages, from a visible inclination toward some of the peculiarities of the Church of Rome. He had lived several years in strict friendship with Dr. Frewen the Physician, in whose house he always resided when he made a visit to Oxford; also with the Reverend Sir John Dolben of Finedon in Northamptonshire, the learned, accomplished, devout, and charitable father of the present

* It was rather officious to give them to the world, as somebody hath done since Dr. Horne's death. Our opinion of a great and good man, who has finished his course, ought not to be gathered from the hasty and ardent productions of his youth.

worthy Sir William Dolben, member for the University of Oxford; and also Mr. Counsellor Gilpin; to the last of whom he left his collection of Grecian and Roman coins; which, if I am rightly informed, is now in the new library at Christ-church*.

Another excellent friend of Mr. Horne was the late Dr. Patten, of Corpus Christi College; a gentleman of the purest manners and unquestionable erudition. On re-considering the state of the question between Christians and Infidels, and seeing how absolutely necessary it was to speak a plain language in a case of such importance to the world, he gave to the University of Oxford a discourse which he called the Christian Apology; and which the Vice-chancellor and Heads of Houses requested him to publish. It went upon true and indisputable principles; but it was not relished by the rash reasoners of the Warburtonian school; and a Mr. Heathcote, a very intemperate and unmanly writer, who was at that time an assistant-preacher to Dr. Warburton at Lincoln's Inn, published a pamphlet against it; laying himself open, both in the matter and the manner of it, to the criticisms of Dr. Patten; who will appear to have been greatly his superior as a scholar and a divine, to any candid reader who shall review that controversy. Dr. Patten could not with any propriety be said to have

* The complexion of this good man's character may be distinguished in the last letter I received from him, about two months before his death, of which I had an account from Dr. Horne. I shall give both the letters in the Appendix.

written on the Hutchinsonian plan; but Mr. Heathcote found it convenient to charge him with it, and suggest to the public that he was an Hutchinsonian; which gave Dr. Patten an opportunity of speaking his private sentiments, and doing justice to those gentlemen in the University of Oxford, who were then under the reproach of being followers of Hutchinson*.

The Rev. Dr. Wetherell, now Dean of Hereford, was then a young man in the College of which he is now the worthy Master: and such was his zeal at that time in favour of Hebrew literature, that Mr. Horne, and Mr. Wetherell, and Mr. Martin (now Dr. Fairfax), and a fourth person intimately connected with them all, sat down for one whole winter, to examine and settle as far as they were able, all the Themata of the Hebrew language; writing down their remarks daily, and collecting from Marius, and Buxtorf, and Pagninus and others, what might be of use for compiling a new Lexicon. How much judgment they had, at this early period, to render their papers valuable, we dare not say: but such as they were, the fruits of a faithful and laborious scrutiny, a copy of them was handed to the learned Mr. Parkhurst, late of the University of Cambridge, an eminent labourer in the same vineyard, to whom the public

* On occasion of this paragraph, I have reconsidered Dr. Patten's Discourse, and the Defence of it; and am persuaded it might be of much service, if every young man were to read them both, before he takes holy orders. His picture of fashionable Christianity is very alarming, and I fear it is not exaggerated.

have since been greatly indebted for three editions of his Hebrew Lexicon; which contains such variety of curious and useful information, that, contrary to the nature of other Dictionaries (properly so called), it may be turned over for entertainment as a Commentary on the Scripture, and a Magazine of Biblical Erudition. His two scriptural Lexicons, the one Greek, the other Hebrew, are both so excellent in their way, that they will last as long as the world; unless the new Goths of infidelity should break in upon us and destroy, as they certainly wish to do, all the monuments of Christian learning*.

Doctor George Berkeley, of late years a Prebendary of the church of Canterbury and Chancellor of Brecknock, was then Mr. George Berkeley, a student of Christ-church, a son of that celebrated pattern of virtue, science, and apostolical zeal, Dr. Berkeley, Bishop of Cloyne in the kingdom of Ireland; who chose to spend the latter days of his life in retirement at Oxford, while his son was a member of the University. Between this gentleman and Mr. Horne a very early intimacy commenced, and much of their time was spent in each other's company. Under the training, and with the example of so excellent a father, Mr. Berkeley grew up into a firm believer of the Christian religion, and discovered an affectionate re-

* The third edition of Mr. Parkhurst's Hebrew Lexicon was promoted by Bishop Horne, whose name stands first among the patrons to whom it is inscribed; though Bishop Horne did not live till it was published.

gard to every man of letters, who was ready, like himself, to explain and defend it. He was consequently a very zealous admirer of Mr. Horne; and the one had the happiness of belonging to the Chapter, while the other for several years was Dean of Canterbury: and when his friend was removed to the See of Norwich, Dr. Berkeley preached his Consecration Sermon at Lambeth; an act of respect for which he had reserved himself, having been under a persuasion, for some years before, that he should see Mr. Horne become a Bishop. His discourse on that occasion shewed him to be a true son, and an able minister of the Church of England: and another discourse, originally delivered on a 30th of January, and reprinted since with large and curious annotations, has distinguished him for as firm and loyal a subject to his king and the laws of his country. Dr. Berkeley was very greatly esteemed by his patron the late Archbishop Secker, with whom he had much influence; and he never ceased to take advantage of it, till he had obtained preferment from him for one of his old friends, who had no other prospect. The father of Dr. Berkeley has been made known to the world by a few happy words of Mr. Pope: but the following anecdote, which is preserved among the private notes of Bishop Horne, will give us a more exact idea of his character. Bishop Atterbury, having heard much of Mr. Berkeley, wished to see him. Accordingly, he was one day introduced to him by the Earl of Berkeley. After some time, Mr. Berkeley left the
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room : on which Lord Berkeley said to the Bishop, " Does my cousin answer your Lordship's expectations ?" The Bishop, lifting up his hands in astonishment, replied, " So much understanding, so much knowledge, so much innocence, and such humility, I did not think had been the portion of any but angels; till I saw this gentleman." The passage is taken from Hughes's Letters. II. 2.*

Mr. Samuel Glassé, a student of Christ-church, who had the repute he merited of being one of the best scholars from Westminster school, was another of Mr. Horne's intimate friends, and continued to love and admire him through the whole course of his life. The world need not be told what Dr. Glassé has been doing since he left the University, as a divine, as a magistrate, as a teacher and tutor of the first eminence; of whose useful labours, the gospel, the law, the church, the bar, the schools of learning, the rich and the poor, have long felt and confessed the benefit: and may they long continue so to do ! although it may be said, without any suspicion of flattery, in the words of the Poet—*non deficit alter aureus*—a son whose learning, abilities and good principles have already entitled him to the thanks of his country, and will secure his fame with posterity.

This gentleman, the son of Dr. G. distinguished himself very early in life by his uncommon proficiency

* Dr. Berkeley, the excellent son of an excellent father, changed this world (in which he had seen much trouble) for a better, on the day of Epiphany 1795, before this work went to the press.

in Hebrew literature, which procured him the favour of Dr. Kennicott, and a studentship of Christ-church. He has since acquired a great addition of fame as a classical scholar, by his elegant translation into Greek Iambics of Mason's *Caractacus*, and Milton's *Samson Agonistes*, adapted in form, and style, and manner, to the ancient Greek drama*. And he has recently shewn himself an elegant English writer, as well as a pious and well informed divine, by his publication of the *Contemplations* of Bishop Hall, in a form very much improved. He had prepared a Dedication of that excellent work to Bishop Horne; but the Bishop dying, while the work was depending, an advertisement is prefixed, which does great honour to his memory.

From Westminster school there came, at an earlier period, a Mr. John Hamilton of University College, whose father was a Member of the Irish Parliament, and his mother a Lady of high rank. This amiable

* Though I speak with respect of this, as a work of great scholarship, and even wonderful in a young man, I have my doubts, whether any Englishman can exhibit unexceptionable Greek versification, in which a Critic cannot, with a microscope in his hand, and a little jealousy in his eye, discover flaws and pinholes; and, that a Greek version of a fine English Poem, whoever produces it, will at last be but a bad likeness of a good thing: which may be said without impeaching the parts or the diligence of any translator. When a man writes in a dead language, he does it at a great hazard: and I have heard this matter carried to such a nicety by an eminent scholar, as to suppose it dangerous, even in Latin composition, to put a noun and a verb together, unless you can find that noun and that verb actually standing together in some native Latin writer of allowed authority.

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young man, for the politeness of his behaviour, his high accomplishments as a classical scholar, his vivacity of temper and readiness of wit, was a companion equally respectable and desirable; so nearly allied in disposition and abilities to the two characters of Mr. Watson and Mr. Horne, that a strict friendship grew up between them. The example of some seducing companions from Westminster school, had rendered him for a while dissipated and thoughtless: but when the time approached, in which he was required to prepare himself for holy orders, he determined to become a clergyman in good earnest; gave himself up to study and retirement; and was known to rise frequently at four o'clock in a summer's morning, to read the works of St. Austin. With this disposition, it is no wonder he was ready to embrace every opportunity of deriving more light to his Christian studies. He therefore soon became a Hebrew student in common with his friends, and made a rapid progress in divinity. For a time he took upon himself the curacy of Bedington in Surrey: but he was soon advanced to the archdeaconry of Raphoe in Ireland, having first obtained a presentation to the valuable living of Taboyne; where, to the loss of the world, and the unspeakable grief of the author of these papers, to whom he was a most affectionate and valuable friend, he soon afterwards died. In the beginning of his indisposition, he had been almost miraculously restored at Bristol in the spring of the year 1754, just at the time when the living was given to him by Lord Abercorn his relation, and the

dignity superadded by the Bishop of the diocese. Ireland was a stage, on which his learning and principles, his active zeal, his polite manners and great abilities, were much wanted. They have at this time but a mean opinion of that kind of learning which this young archdeacon so much valued and affected. Had he lived, he might have done much good in bringing over many considerable persons to an attentive study of the scripture, which had produced so happy an effect upon himself. But alas ! instead of this, it is now reported, that the country has been considerably hurt in its principles by some modern writings, which have lately come into vogue ; of which it is not my business in this place to speak more particularly.

It has given me great pleasure, thus to take a review, hasty as it has been, of some of those excellent persons, with whom Mr. Horne was connected in the days of his youth. A reader who is a stranger to all the parties, may suspect that I have turned my pen to the making of extraordinary characters ; but, I trust, he will take my word for it, that I have only made them such as I found them ; and such as the late good Bishop their friend would have represented them, had he been alive and called upon to do them justice. I am convinced, his own pen would have given more to some, not less to any : and that he would have mentioned others of whom I have not spoken ; for certainly I might have added many to the collection ; such as, the Rev. John Auchmuty, whose father was Dean of Arinagh, and who used to
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amuse us with an account of his adventures at Tetuan in Africa, during his chaplainship under Admiral Forbes : Mr. James Stillingfleet, a grandson to the celebrated and learned Bishop of that name ; first one of the Hebrew Exhibitioners at Wadham College ; afterwards Fellow of Merton, and now Prebendary of Worcester : Mr. George Downing, another Hebrew Exhibitioner at Wadham College, and now a Prebendary of Ely, whom Mr. Horne admired and respected for those virtues and qualifications, which have endeared him to all his acquaintance. To these I might add Mr. Edward Stillingfleet, a Gentleman Commoner of Wadham : the Reverend John Whitaker, now so well known by his learned and valuable writings ; with others of like character and literature, to none of whom do I mean any disrespect if I have omitted them. There was one very learned gentleman in particular, Mr. Forster of Corpus Christi College, who published a beautiful quarto edition of the Hebrew Bible, and had the reputation of being a profound scholar. This learned man introduced himself to Mr. Horne's acquaintance, only for the opportunity of conferring with him on some principles which he had newly adopted in Philosophy and Divinity. How far Mr. Horne and Mr. Forster proceeded in the argument, I cannot exactly say ; but this I well remember, that when the *consubstantiality* of the *elements* came into question, Mr. Forster did not seem to think *that* doctrine improbable, which later enquiries have rendered much less so : and allowed,

that if the public were once satisfied in that particular, he believed very few objections would be made to the philosophical scheme of Mr. Hutchinson*.

I am now to conclude with a character, which I introduce with some reluctance; but it is too remarkable to be omitted in an account of Mr. Horne's literary connections; and some useful moral attends it in every circumstance: the character I mean is that of the late Dr. Dodd. Humanity should speak as tenderly of him, as truth will permit, in consideration of his too severe and lamentable fate.

A similitude in their studies and their principles produced an acquaintance between Mr. Horne and Mr. Dodd: for when Mr. Dodd began the world, he was a zealous favourer of Hebrew learning, and distinguished himself as a preacher; in which capacity he undoubtedly excelled (to a certain degree), and in his time did much good. After Mr. Dodd had been noticed in the University of Cambridge for some of his exercises, he made himself known to the public by an English poetical translation of Callimachus, in which he discovered a poetical genius. Of the Preface to the translation of Callimachus, which gives the best general account, that was ever given in so short a compass, of the Heathen Mythology, the greater part was written for him by Mr. Horne. It is supposed with good reason that Mr. Dodd was obliged to others of his friends for several useful notes

* See Mr. Horne's Apology (hereafter to be spoken of) p. 35, 36; where this conference with Mr. Forster is alluded to.

on the text of Callimachus. He makes a particular acknowledgment to the Rev. Mr. Parkhurst, “from whose sound judgment, enlarged understanding, unwearied application, and generous openness of heart, the world has great and valuable fruits to expect.” Archbishop Secker conceived a favourable opinion of Mr. Dodd, from his performances in the pulpit; and it was probably owing to the influence of the Archbishop, that he was appointed to preach the sermons at Lady Moyer’s Lectures. But this unhappy gentleman, having a strong desire to make a figure in the world, with a turn to an expensive way of living; and finding that his friends, who unhappily were suffering under the damnatory title of Hutchinsonians, would never be permitted (as the report then was) to rise to any eminence in the Church; Mr. Dodd thought it more prudent to leave them to their fate, with the hope of succeeding better in some other way: and, to purge himself in the eye of the world, he wrote expressly against them; laying many grievous things to their charge; some of which were true, when applied to particular persons; some greatly exaggerated; and some utterly false; as it may well be imagined, when it is considered, that the author was writing to serve an interest*.

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* When it was under deliberation whether any answer should be given to this book of Mr. Dodd, Mr. Horne objected to it in the following terms, which discover his great prudence and judgment.
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There could be no better judge than Mr. Dodd himself of the motives on which he had assumed a new character. He certainly did himself some good, in the opinion of those, who thought he was grown wiser: but being sensible, how far he had carried some things, and how much he had lost himself, in the esteem of his old friends, he was anxious to know what some of them said about him. He therefore applied himself one day to a lady of great understanding and piety, who knew him well, and who also knew most of them; desiring her to tell him, what Mr. such an one *said of him?* He says of you, answered she—*Demas hath forsaken us, having loved this present world:* with which he appeared to be much affected. Not that the thing had actually been said, so far as I know, by the person in question; but she, knowing the propriety with which it *might* have been said, gave him the credit of it. There was a general appearance of vanity about Mr. Dodd, which was particularly disgusting to Mr. Horne, who had none of it himself; and the levity, with which he had totally cast off his former studies, being added to it, both together determined him to drop the acquaintance with little.

as a Partizan, which in these times should be avoided as much as possible. I had much rather the name of Hutchinson were dropped, and the useful things in him recommended to the world, with their evidence, in another manner than they have been. Mankind are tired and sick (I am sure I am for one) with the fruitless squabbles and altercations about etymologies and particularities. In the meantime, the great plan of Philosophy and Theology, that must instruct and edify, lies dormant."

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hesitation. He not only avoided his company, but conceiving a dislike, as well to his *moral* as to his *literary* character, is supposed to have given such an account of him in one of the public papers, as made him very ridiculous, under the name of *Tom Dingle*: Not long afterwards Mr. Foote brought him upon the stage for a transaction which reflected great dishonour upon a clergyman, and for which the King ordered him to be struck off the list of his chaplains.

The revolt of Mr. Dodd, if he meant to raise himself in the world by it, did by no means answer his purpose. It brought him into favour with Lord Chesterfield; but that did much more hurt to his mind, than good to his fortune. The farther he advanced in life, the more he became embarrassed: and his moral conduct was commonly known to be so far depraved, that a gentleman of Clapham, who was privy to it, is said to have predicted some years before, that he would come to an untimely end. How unsearchable is the wisdom and justice of divine Providence! The worldly policy of Dr. Dodd lost him the friendship of some wise and good men, particularly of Mr. Horne, but procured for him the favour of Lord Chesterfield; and that favour tempted him to another step of policy, which brought him to his death. The memory of Dr. Johnson is much to be honoured for the tender part he took in behalf of Dr. Dodd during the time of his affliction. And let it be remembered, in justice to his former friends, that few persons were more deeply affected by his lamentable
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end than some of those who had been under the necessity of dropping his acquaintance. I have it on the best authority, that one of them kept a solemn fast till night on the day of his execution, and afterwards moralized very seriously upon his fate in one of the newspapers of the time.

Every good man will with quietness submit to the laws of his country, and without some real objection will be pleased with them : but the law which puts a man to death (and the application of that law which put a clergyman to death, without being first divested of his clerical character) for a simple fraud, which threatened no man's life, nor endangered any man's person or reputation, except that of the party who was guilty, must have some cogent reasons to prove the justice of it ; into which it is not my province to inquire.

From this account of Mr. Horne's friends and acquaintance I return now to the history of his studies. When a young man of a vigorous mind determines, in these latter days of the church, to make himself a scholar ; he is in great danger, from the books he may read, and the company he may fall into ; notwithstanding the integrity of his mind, and the purity of his intentions. If he joins himself to a party, he will be under the influence of an affection, which is very properly called *partiality* ; and which inclines him to favour the measures of his party indiscriminately ; and therefore does great hurt to the judgment. He is apt to praise and censure, to love and hate, not with his
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own spirit, but with the spirit of his party. With their singularities, whatever they may be, he will find little fault; and if they have errors, they are such as he will not soon discover. To this danger Mr. Horne was exposed, as a reader of Hutchinson; I shall therefore describe it more particularly, and shew how and by what means he escaped it in all its parts, and preserved the independency of his understanding: in doing which, if I can do it faithfully, I shall certainly make myself of some use to the public.

Mr. Hutchinson fell into a new and uncommon train of thinking in Philosophy, Theology, and Hea-then Antiquity; and appears to have learned much of it from the Hebrew, which he studied in a way of his own: but as he laid too great a stress in many instances on the evidence of Hebrew etymology, his admirers would naturally do the same; and some of them carried the matter so far, that nothing else would go down with them; till by degrees they adopted a mode of speaking, which had a nearer resemblance to cant and jargon, than to sound and sober learning. To this weakness, those persons were most liable, who had received the fewest advantages from a learned education. This was the case with some sensible tradesmen and mechanics, who by studying Hebrew, with the assistance of English only, grew conceited of their learning, and carried too much sail with too little ballast. Of this Mr. Horne was very soon aware; and he was in so little danger of following the example, that I used to hear

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him display the foibles of such persons with that mirth and good humour which he had ready at hand upon all occasions. With the like discretion and candour, he allowed to the Reverend Dr. Sharp of Durham all that could reasonably be allowed, when he attacked the followers of Hutchinson upon the etymological quarter, where they seemed most vulnerable, or, where they might at least be annoyed with most appearance of advantage : and he never, through the whole course of his life, was a friend to the etymological part of the controversy ; as it appears from his writings ; in which Hebrew etymology, however he might apply to it *for himself*, is rarely if ever insisted upon. In some of his private letters, one of which has been already referred to in a note, he declared his mind very freely on the inexpediency of squabbling about words, when there were so many *things* to be brought forward, which were of greater importance, and would admit of less dispute.

A farther danger arose from that custom, in which some of the followers of Hutchinson had too freely indulged themselves, of treating their opponents with too great asperity and contempt. Hutchinson himself was very reprehensible in this respect, as well in his conversation as in his writings ; and thereby lost much of that influence with men of learning, which he might have preserved, had he considered it as a duty to be more temperate and flexible in his manner of addressing the public. But he was a man of a warm and hasty spirit, like Martin Luther ; who, to certain
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modern speculations in Philosophy and Theology, could preserve no more respect than Luther did to the errors of Popery. How far the circumstances they both were under, the zeal by which they were actuated, and the provocations they met with from the world, will justify them in the use of intemperate language, can be known only to God to whom they must give an account. But whatever excuses may be made for the principals, we do not see how they can be extended to those who succeeded. Some of these however did claim for themselves the like privilege, and gave great offence to persons of cooler judgment. The world will not suffer things to be forced upon them. When men are angry, it is always supposed they have but little to say, and are provoked by a sense of the insufficiency of themselves and their cause. It was a wise saying of Lord Coke, the famous lawyer, "Whatever grief a man hath, ill words work no good, and learned counsel never use them." To this wise and excellent maxim the followers of Mr. Hutchinson did not in general attend as they ought to have done. It filled them with indignation, to see how little they prevailed against the perverse treatment of some ill disposed adversaries: and if they had found such principles as they thought of use to themselves, it was a mortification to see them overlooked and disdained by others. But there was so much sweetness in the natural temper of Mr. Horne, that no bitter weed could take root there; and the intemperance of others only served to put him the more upon his guard; of which

which we have a happy example in his State of the Case between Sir Isaac Newton and Mr. Hutchinson. This was one of his earliest compositions; in which the argument is conducted throughout with perfect modesty, civility, and a proper respect to all parties. I have heard him admire greatly that calmness for which the Chinese are so remarkable, although it borders in some degree upon cunning or stupidity. "The only way for a man to gain the favour of the Chinese, is to set forth his reasons in the coolest manner; that people being of such a disposition, as to despise the most rational arguments, if delivered with anger." The same, said he, is true of mankind in general.

The learning which disposes us to affect a superiority over other men, is too generally attended by a forgetfulness of God: and it has therefore been well observed, that knowledge, though a good thing in itself, as light is when compared with darkness, is apt to *puff us up*: while charity, which is an humble and submissive virtue, *edifieth*; that is, builds us up in the way of grace, and makes us better Christians. So far as knowledge, though of the purest sort, infuses pride, just so far it extinguishes devotion. It was therefore objected to the new Hebrew students, that they were a carnal sort of people, so full of scriptural learning, as to be much wanting in a due regard to scriptural piety. The intelligent reader will easily guess from what quarter such an accusation would arise. It came from those who are apt to offend in another way; who suppose that an appearance of
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godly zeal; and a passion to save souls, will supply the defects of Christian knowledge: but without it, there will not be Christian prudence; and such persons, neglecting to inform themselves, suffer under the want of judgment, and are carried into delusion, of which they do not see the consequences. Ignorant piety, like ignorant ingenuity, must go to school, before it will be able to work surely and with good effect: It must itself be taught before it can be fit to teach others. The great Lord Bacon observed of the first puritans, that they reasoned powerfully on the necessity of a serious piety; and brought men well to the question, *what must I do to be saved?* But when they had done this, they were at a loss how to give them an answer. There is danger to man on every side: learning is tempted to overlook piety; and piety thinks there is no use of learning. Happy is he who preserves himself from both these errors: who while he seeks wisdom, applies it first to the reformation of his own life, and then to the lives of other men. This appears to have been the persuasion of Mr. Horne; in whose earliest writings we find such a tincture of devotion, that some of his readers, who valued themselves upon their discernment, thought his warmth discovered a degree of enthusiasm; that he was devout overmuch; and consequently we have the testimony of such persons, that he was not wanting in Christian piety. Thus much at least may be affirmed, that he was in no danger of an outward formal religion, destitute of the vital spirit of Christianity.

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There was yet another danger to be apprehended, and that of no small concern to a member of the Church of England. It happened, that among the admirers of Mr. Hutchinson, there were many dissenters; who, with all the information they had acquired, did not appear (as might reasonably have been expected) to be much softened in their prejudices against the constitution of this Church.—With some of these, Mr. Horne frequently fell into company; of which it was not an improbable consequence (and he afterwards was aware of it) that he might come by degrees to be less affected, than he ought to be, to the Church of which he was a member: especially as there was some jealousy already in the minds of Mr. Hutchinson's readers against their superiors both in Church and State, on account of the unfair and angry treatment (I may say, persecution) some of them had suffered, and the dislike and aversion which their principles had met with from persons of established reputation. The modest and civil Letter to a Bishop, from the Lord President of the Court of Session in Scotland, the Honourable Duncan Forbes, had met with little or no attention; which, with many other slights and provocations, contributed to keep them in no very good humour: so that it was to be feared they would be too ready to hear, what others might be too ready to suggest. With some of our dissenters, it is too much the custom to turn the clergy of the Church and their profession into ridicule; a sort of behaviour which should always be avoided
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by religious men, when religion is the subject. A piece was handed about, which calls itself a Dialogue upon Bishops; a sly and malignant invective, in a strain of irony, and by no means destitute of wit, against the prelates of this church. The thing is written in the same spirit with the Martin Mar-Prelate of the old Puritans, though in a superior strain of irony; and had for its author a man whose name was Biron, a Dissenting Teacher of eminence; whose works are collected together, and published, under the terrific title of The Pillars of Priestcraft Shaken. The Church of England, whose religion is here intended by the word *priestcraft*, never had a more willing adversary than this man; unless it were Gordon, the author of the Independent Whig; whose writings, plentifully dispersed there, contributed not a little to the revolt of America, by rendering them more disaffected to the religion of the mother country.

So long as a connexion remained with the non-conforming readers of Mr. Hutchinson, it was expected *by them*, that all church-differences would be laid aside, as matters of *no signification*; and that both parties would join hands against the common enemies of Christianity. Things being thus disposed, an occurrence intervened, to which Mr. Horne, as it appears from some of his letters, imputed the breach which afterwards took place, and his own deliverance, in consequence of it, from all danger of fanatical infection.

Dr. Clayton, then Bishop of Clogher in Ireland; in the year 1750, published his Essay on Spirit, with design to recommend the Arian doctrine, and to prepare the way for suitable alterations in the Liturgy. The favourers of heresy are seldom found to be the enemies of schism : this author therefore, to strengthen his party, distinguished himself as a warm friend to the cause of the Sectaries ; intimidating the Church with the prospect of destruction, unless the safety of it were provided for by a timely compliance with the demands of its adversaries. This Essay being reported to come from a person of such eminence in the Church, alarmed her friends and animated her enemies. It carried with it a shew of learning, and some subtilty of argument : an answer to it was therefore expected and wished for.

It happened at this time, that I was settled at Finedon in Northamptonshire, as Curate to the Reverend Sir John Dolben ; which I have reason to remember as a most happy circumstance in the early part of my life. In this situation I was frequently visited by my friend and fellow-student Mr. Horne. He came to me, possessed with a desire of seeing an Answer to this Essay on Spirit ; and persuaded me to undertake it. All circumstances being favourable, no objection was made ; and accordingly down we sat together for a whole month to the business. The house of my patron Sir John Dolben had an excellent library ; a considerable part of which had descended from Archbishop Dolben ; and it was furnished with
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books in every branch of reading, as well antient as modern, but particularly in divinity and ecclesiastical history. In a country parish; without such an advantage, our attempt had been wild and hopeless: but with it, we had no fear of being at a loss concerning any point of learning that might arise: What Bishop Clayton (supposing him to be the author of an Essay on Spirit) had offered in favour of the non-conformists, obliged us to look into the controversy between them and the church, which as yet we had never considered; and to consult such historians as had given a faithful account of it. This inquiry brought many things to our view, of which we had never heard; and contributed very much to confirm us in the profession to which we had been educated: but, at the same time, it raised in our minds some new suspicions against our non-conforming friends; and the occasion called upon us to say some things which it could not be very agreeable to them to hear, so long as they persisted in their separation. In every controversy, there will be some rough places, over which the tender-footed will not be able to pass without being hurt; and when this happens, they will probably lay upon others that fault which is to be found only in themselves. It happened as might be expected. When the Answer was published, great offence was taken; and they who had argued for us, as Christians, in a common cause, began now to shew themselves as enemies to the Church of England. They addressed themselves to us in such a strain, to the one by letter, to the

other in conversation, as had no tendency to soften or conciliate; for it breathed nothing but contempt and defiance. It had therefore the good effect of obliging us to go on still farther in our inquiries, that we might be able to stand our ground. To this occurrence it was first owing, that Mr. Horne became so well learned in the controversy between the Church and the Sectaries, and was confirmed for life in his attachment to the Church of England*. It was

* The following extract from a long letter, will shew how his mind was employed at the time when it was written: "I have been reading some of the works of Dr. George Hickes against the Romanists. He is a sound and acute reasoner, and differs from Leslie in this, that whereas Leslie's method was, to single out one point which he calls the *jugulum cause*, and stick to that; Hickes follows them through all their objections; unravels their sophistry, and confirms all he says with exact and elaborate proofs. He shews the greatest knowledge of primitive antiquity, of fathers, councils, and the constitution and discipline of the church in the first and purest ages of it. This kind of learning is of much greater value and consequence than many now apprehend. What, next after the Bible, can demand a Christian's attention before the history of the church, purchased by the blood of Christ, founded by inspired apostles, and actuated by a spirit of love and unity, which made a heaven upon earth even in the midst of persecution, and enabled them to lay down their lives for the truth's sake? Much I am sure is done by that cementing bond of the spirit, which unites Christians to their head and to one another, and makes them consider themselves as members of the same body, that is as a *church*, as a *fold* of sheep, not as straggling individuals.—What I see of this in a certain class of writers, determines me to look into that affair." Such a man as this, so far advanced in the days of his youth, would pay but little regard to shallow reasonings and hasty language from the enemies of uniformity.

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another happy circumstance, that in the issue, by persons of more impartiality, the Answer to the Essay on Spirit, on which we had bestowed so much labour, was very favourably received; especially in Ireland, where it was most wanted. The work was rendered more useful by the opportunity it gave us of explaining some abstruse articles in the learning of antiquity; particularly, the Hermetic, Pythagorean and Platonic Trinities; which the writer of the Essay had pressed into his service, to distract the minds of his readers, without pretending to know the sense of them. We had the advantage of the author in this subject, from having been permitted to look into some manuscript papers of a learned gentleman, who had spent several years of his life in studying the mysteries of the antient Greek Philosophy; which, at the bottom, always proved to be Materialism. In this the speculations of Heathen Philosophers naturally ended; and so do the speculations of those moderns who follow them in their ways of reasoning.

From our frequent intercourse with the library above mentioned, we had the good fortune to meet with the works of the Rev. Charles Leslie in two vols. fol. which may be considered as a library in themselves to any young student of the Church of England; and no such person, who takes a fancy to what he there finds, can ever fall into Socinianism, Fanaticism, Popery, or any other of those more modern corruptions which infest this church and nation. Every treatise comprehended in that collection is incom-

parable in its way : and I shall never forget how Mr. Horne expressed his astonishment, when he had perused what Mr. Leslie calls the History of Sin and Heresy ; which, from the hints that are found in the Scriptures, gives an account how they (Sin and Heresy) were generated among the angels before the beginning of the world : “ It is,” said he, “ as if the man had looked into heaven, to see what passed there, on occasion of Lucifer’s rebellion.”

In reading Mr. Leslie’s Socinian controversy, he was highly amused with a curiosity, which the author by good fortune, though with great difficulty, had procured and presented to the public in an English translation from the Arabic. It is a Letter addressed to the Morocco Ambassador, by two of the Socinian fraternity in England, who called themselves Two single Philosophers, and proposed a religious comprehension with the Turks : the said Socinians having discovered, that the Turks and themselves were so nearly of one opinion, that very little was wanting on either side to unite them in the same communion. The present learned Bishop of Rochester, Dr. Horsley, lighted upon the same thing many years afterwards, and was so much struck with its singularity, that he has referred to it in his works, to shew how naturally the religion of the Socinians ends in the enthusiasm of Mahomet.

The sight of Mr. Leslie’s two Theological folios prepared Mr. Horne for the reading such of his Political works as should afterwards fall in his way : and

it was not long before he met with a periodical paper, under the title of *The Rehearsals*, which the author had published in the time of Queen Ann, when the Infidels and Dissenters were most busy ; and had conceived strong hopes (as they said themselves) of destroying the established Church. This paper boldly encountered all their arguments ; dissected Sidney and Locke ; confuted the republican principles, and exposed all the designs of the party. That party, however, had, at that time, interest enough to get the paper, which bore so hard upon them, suppressed by authority : but not till the writer had done the best of his work ; which made him boast, notwithstanding what had happened, that he had sown these seeds of orthodoxy and loyalty in this kingdom, which *all the devils in hell would never be able to root out of it*. This singular work, then lately re-printed in six volumes (1750), fell into the hands of Mr. Horne at Oxford, and was examined with equal curiosity and attention. According to his own account, he had profited greatly by the reading of it : and the work, which gave to one man of genius and discernment so much satisfaction, must have had its effect on many others ; insomuch that it is highly probable, the loyalty found amongst us at this day, and by which the nation has of late been so happily preserved, may have grown up from some of the seeds then sown by Mr. Leslie : and I have some authority for what I say*.

* No farther proof of this will be wanting to those intelligent persons who read the learned Mr. Whitaker's *Real Origin of Government*, one of the greatest and best pieces the times have produced.

This I know, that the reading of that work begat in the mind of Mr. Horne an early and strict attention to those political differences, and the grounds of them, which have at sundry times agitated this country, and disturbed public affairs. In the year when the *Jew-Bill* was depending, and after it had passed the House, he frequently employed himself in sending to an evening paper of the time certain communications, which were much noticed; while the author was totally unknown, except to some of his nearest acquaintance. By the favour of a great Lady, it was my fortune (though then very young) to be at a table, where some persons of the first quality were assembled; and I heard one of them * very earnest on the matter and style of some of these papers, of which I knew the secret history; and was not a little diverted when I heard what passed about them. To the author of those papers the *Jew-Bill* gave so much offence (and the *Marriage-Bill* not much less) that he refused to dine at the table of a neighbouring gentleman, where he was much admired, only because the son-in-law of Mr. Pelham was to be there. He was therefore highly gratified by the part taken in that perilous business by the Reverend William Romaine; who opposed the Considerations dispersed about the kingdom in defence of the *Jew-Bill*, with a degree of spirit and success, which reminded us of Swift's opposition to Wood's Half-pence in his Drapier's Letters.

* Lord Temple.

Mr. Horne having entered upon his first Hebrew studies, not without an ardent piety, he was ready to lay hold of every thing that might advance him in the knowledge and practice of the Christian life. He accordingly made himself well acquainted with the serious practical writings of the Reverend William Law, which, I believe, were first recommended to him by Mr. Hamilton, afterwards Archdeacon of Raphoe in Ireland, or by the Reverend Doctor Patten of Corpus Christi College. He conformed himself in many respects to the strictness of Mr. Law's rules of devotion ; but without any danger of falling, as so many did, after Mr. Law's example, into the stupendous reveries of Jacob Behmen the German Theosophist. From this he was effectually secured by his attachment to the doctrines and forms of the primitive Church, in which he was well grounded by the writings of Leslie, and also of the primitive Fathers, some of which were become familiar to him, and very highly esteemed. But being sensible how easy it was for many of those who took their piety from Mr. Law, to take his errors along with it, he drew up a very useful paper, for the security of such persons as might not have judgment enough to distinguish properly, under the title of Cautions to the Readers of Mr. Law : and excellent they are for the purpose intended. They shew the goodness of his heart, and the soundness of his judgment.

Some worthy ladies, who were in the habit of reading Mr. Law, had from thence filled their heads with

several of the wild notions of Jacob Benmen; and were zealous in making proselytes. A lady of fashion in Ireland, of the first rate for beauty, elegance and accomplishment, was going apace into this way, at the instance of a proselyting acquaintance. Her situation was known and lamented; and it was earnestly wished that somebody would undertake to open her eyes before she was too far gone. Mr. Horne, though much interested in the success of such an attempt, did not take the office upon himself, but committed it to a friend; and the paper produced the desired effect.

When the writings of Leslie, or Law, or Hutchinson, were before Mr. Horne, he used them with judgment and moderation, to qualify and temper each other: he took what was excellent from all, without admitting what was exceptionable from any. To his academical Greek and Latin he had added a familiar acquaintance with the Hebrew; and having found his way to the Christian Fathers, I consider him now as a person furnished with every light, and secured from every danger, which could possibly occur to him as a member of the Church of England; and consequently well prepared for any service the times might require of him. In English divinity he had also greatly improved himself by the writings of Dr. Jackson, and Dr. Jeremy Taylor: from the latter of which, I suppose him to have derived much of that mildness and devotion, for which he was afterwards
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so conspicuous*. The former, Dr. Jackson, is a magazine of theological learning, every where penned with great elegance and dignity, so that his style is a pattern of perfection. His writings, once thought inestimable by every body but the Calvinists, had been greatly neglected, and would probably have continued so, but for the praises bestowed upon them by the celebrated Mr. Merrick of Trinity College in Oxford, who brought them once more into repute with many learned readers. The early extracts of Mr. Horne, which are now remaining, shew how much information he derived from this excellent writer; who deserves to be numbered with the English Fathers of the Church. That there cannot be in the Church of England a useful scholar, unless he is precise in following the same track of learning, I will not presume to say: but this I shall always think, that if we are ever to see another Mr. Horne; a commentator so skilful, a preacher so eloquent, a companion so pleasant, a Christian so exemplary; he must come out of the same school.

With his mind thus furnished, the time drew near when he was to take holy orders. This was a serious

* From many passages which might be produced from his private letters and his printed works, no English writer seems to have taken his fancy, and fallen in so exactly with his own disposition as Dr. Taylor; first in his *Life of Christ*, then in his *Ductor Dubitantium* or *Rule of Conscience*, and afterwards in his *Rule and Exercise of Holy Dying*, which he calls a *Golden Tract*, and the author of it the inimitable Bishop Jeremy Taylor. See his *Commentary on Psalm cxix.* v. 71.

affair to him : and he entered upon it, as every candidate ought to do, with a resolution to apply the studies he had followed to the practice of his ministry ; and, above all the rest, his study of the Holy Scripture. Soon after he had been ordained on Trinity Sunday 1753 by the Bishop of Oxford, he related the circumstance by letter to an intimate friend, not without adding the following petition, which is well worth preserving : “ May he who ordered Peter three times to *feed his lambs*, give me grace, knowledge and skill to watch and attend to the flock, which he purchased upon the cross, and to give rest to those who are under the burden of sin or sorrow. It hath pleased God to call me to the ministry in very troublesome times indeed ; when a lion and a bear have broken into the fold, and are making havock among the sheep. With a firm, though humble confidence, do I purpose to go forth ; not in my own strength, but in the strength of the Lord God ; and may he prosper the work of my hands !” He came to me, then resident upon the curacy of Finedon in Northamptonshire, to preach his first sermon : to which, as it might be expected, I listened with no small attention ; under an assurance, that his doctrine would be good, and that he was capable of adorning it to a high degree with beautiful language and a graceful delivery. The discourse he then preached, though excellent in its kind, is not printed among his other works. Scrupulous critics, he thought, might be of opinion, that he had given too great scope to his imagination ; and that the text,

in the sense he took it, was not a foundation solid enough to build so much upon. This was his sentiment when his judgment was more mature; and he seems to me to have judged rightly. Yet the discourse was admirable in respect of its composition and its moral tendency. Give me an audience of well disposed Christians, among whom there are no dry moralists, no fastidious critics; and I would stake my life upon the hazard of pleasing them all by the preaching of that sermon. With farther preparation, and a little more experience, he preached in a more public pulpit, before one of the largest and most polite congregations at London. The preacher, whose place he supplied, but who attended in the church on purpose to hear him, was so much affected by what he had heard, and the manner in which it was delivered, that when he visited me shortly after in the country, he was so full of this sermon, that he gave me the matter and the method of it by heart; pronouncing at the end of it, what a writer of his life ought never to forget, that "George Horne was, without exception, the best preacher in England." Which testimony was the more valuable, because it came from a person, who had, with many people, the reputation of being such himself. This sermon is preserved; and if the reader should be a judge, and will take the pains to examine it, he will think it merits what is here said of it. The subject is the second advent of Christ to judgment. The text is from Rev. 1, 7. *Behold he cometh with clouds, and every eye shall*

*shall see him, and they also which pierced him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so: Amen.**

Besides his talent for preaching, which from the beginning promised (and has now produced) great things; Mr. Horne had obtained so high a character at Oxford, for his humanity, condescension and piety; that his reputation came to the ears of a criminal in the Castle, under sentence of death for one of the many high-way robberies he had committed. The name of this man was Dumas; he was an Irishman by birth; and his appearance and address had so much of the gentleman, that he was a person of the first rank in his profession. This man having heard of Mr. Horne, as a person remarkable for his sense and goodness, requested the favour of his attendance; to which, on a principle of conscience, he consented; though the office was such as would probably put the tenderness of his mind to a very severe trial. And so it proved in the event; his health being considerably affected for some time afterwards. I do not find among his papers any minutes of this affair preserved in writing†: and though he gave me a large account of it, to which I could not but listen with great attention, I cannot recollect so much of it as I wish to do, at this distance of time. This I know, that he used to think anxiously with himself day and night,

* See Serm. vol. I. Disc. 6.

† But the prayers he composed for the occasion are in one of his MSS.

in what manner he should address this unhappy man; and what kind of spiritual counsel would be most likely to succeed with him; for he found him, though ready and sensible enough in all common things, deplorably destitute of all religious knowledge. To the best of my remembrance he always chose to be quite alone with him when he attended; and by repeated applications, and constant prayer, recommended by his mild and engaging manner, thought he had made some considerable impression upon his mind. In the last conference before his execution, he thanked Mr. Horne very heartily for his goodness to him, and used these very remarkable words: "Sir, you may perhaps wonder at what I am about to tell you; but, I do assure you, I feel at this moment no more sense of fear, than I should do if I were going a common journey." To this Mr. Horne answered, that he was indeed very much surprised; but he hoped it was upon a right principle. And so let us hope: though the criminal was scarcely explicit enough to give due satisfaction, whether this indifference proceeded from Christian hope, or constitutional hardness. The conversation between the ordinary and the prisoner the evening before he suffered (as Mr. Horne related it, who was present at the interview) consisted chiefly in an exact description of all the particulars of the ceremonial, which the prisoner was to go through in the way to his death; and of course had very little either of comfort or instruction in it. The feelings of that gentleman, who had attended the executions
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for several years, were very different from those of his assistant ; and he spoke of the approaching execution with as little emotion, as if Mr. Dumas had taken a place for the next morning in an Oxford coach : such is the effect of custom upon some minds.

Thus was Mr. Horne initiated early into the most difficult duty of the pastoral charge, the visitation of the sick and dying : a work of extreme charity ; but for which all men are not equally fit ; some because they have too little tenderness, others because they have too much. It is a blessing that there are many helps and directions for those who wish to improve themselves. The office in the Liturgy is excellent in its kind, but it doth not come up to all cases. Among the posthumous papers of Bishop Horne, I find an inestimable manuscript, which it is probable he might begin to compile for his own use about this time, and partly for the occasion of which I have been speaking. He was by no means unacquainted with the matter and the language of prayer ; having shewn to me, as we were upon a walk one summer's evening in the country, when he was a very young man, that precious composition of Bishop Andrews, the first copy of which occurred to him in the library of Magdalen College ; on which he set so great a value during the rest of his life, that while he was Dean of Canterbury, he published, after the example of the excellent Dean Stanhope his predecessor, a handsome English edition of it. The original is in Greek and Latin ; and it happened some time after Mr. Horne had

had first brought the work into request, that a good number of copies of the Greek and Latin edition were discovered in a warehouse at Oxford, where they had lain undisturbed in sheets for many years. In the copy published after Dean Stanhope's form, the Manual for the Sick, though the best thing extant upon its subject, is wholly omitted: but in the posthumous manuscript I speak of, the whole is put together, with improvements by the compiler; and I wish all the parochial clergy in the nation were possessed of it.

We are now coming to a more busy period of Mr. Horne's life, when he was called upon (in the year 1756) to be an apologist for himself and some of his friends, against the attack of a literary adversary.

In the controversy about Hebrew names, and their doubtful interpretations, in which the learned Dr. Sharp of Durham was prevailed upon (as it is reported much against his will) to engage, Mr. Horne never interfered; as being of opinion, that if all that part of Mr. Hutchinson's system were left to its fate, the most useful and valuable parts of it would still remain, with their evidences from the Scripture, the natural world, and the testimony of sacred and profane antiquity. He was likewise of opinion, that where *words* are the subject, words may be multiplied without end: and the witnesses of the dispute, at least the majority of them, having no competent knowledge of so uncommon a subject, would be sure to go as fashion and the current of the times should direct. That a zealous reader of the Hebrew, captivated by

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the curiosity of its etymologies, should pursue them beyond the bounds of prudence, is not to be wondered at. Many Hebrew etymologies are so well founded, and give so much light into the learning of antiquity, and the origin of languages, that no man can be a complete Philologist without a proper knowledge of them. The learned well know how useful Mr. Bryant has endeavoured to make himself of late years by following them: and yet, it must be confessed that, with all his learning, he has many fancies and peculiarities of his own, which he would find it difficult to maintain. If Hutchinson and his followers have been sometimes visionary in their criticisms, and carried things too far, it does not appear that the worst of their interpretations are so bad as those of some learned critics in the last century, who from the allowed primævity of their favourite language applied it without discretion to every thing. All the names in Homer's Iliad and Odyssey were hebraized, and all his fables were derived from some history or other in the Bible: and this to such a degree, as was utterly improbable, and even childish and ridiculous*. Such are the weaknesses to which great scholars are subject, in common with other men; sometimes for want of light, and sometimes for want of discretion: and the greatest scholars of this age are not without them.

* If the curious reader can meet with a book under the title of *Ομνρ ΕΕραιζων*, he will see this plan, of deriving all things from the Hebrew, carried to extremity. He may also find other examples, but not so extravagant, in Gale's Court of the Gentiles.

Dr. Horne, I have reason to think, did so much justice to the criticisms of Dr. Sharp, as to read them carefully : which is more than I dare say of myself ; and I may plead in my behalf the example of my learned and respectable friend, Granville Sharp, Esq. the son of the Archdeacon ; who very ingenuously owned to me, that he had never read his father's books in the Hutchinsonian controversy : perhaps, because he is as little inclined to logomachy as I am. However, I have seen enough to discover from the general tenor of them, that it seems to have been the design of that learned author, to raise difficulties, and throw things into the shade : in which he has apparently succeeded. When I look into a writer of the Hutchinsonian persuasion, though I may suspect his criticisms, and dislike his manner, I am animated by his zeal, and generally learn something useful : but when I look into the criticisms of Dr. Sharp, I learn nothing ; feel cold and dissatisfied with all languages and all science ; as if the Scripture itself were out of tune, and divinity merely a dispute. It is therefore my persuasion, that his writings have done little service to Theology or Philology, but that they have operated rather as a discouragement ; for who will labour, if there be no prospect of coming to any determination one way or the other ? That I am not taking a part *against* Dr. Sharp, but that Dr. Sharp did in this respect take a part against himself, is evident from his own words ; which do plainly declare, that his object in writing against the followers of Hutchinson

was, to *prove the uncertainty of something affirmed to be certain*. I know of some, who took the contrary part; endeavouring to prove *the certainty of something affirmed to be uncertain*; and I think they were more hopefully employed: for where *uncertainty* is the prize, what encouragement is there to strive for it? Mr. Horne, who knew the value of his time, had no inclination to waste any of it in this endless chace of verbal criticism: and I have reason to think, that if there was any study in particular to which he took a complete aversion, it was the Hutchinsonian controversy about a few Hebrew words: I therefore see no reason to give any farther account of it.

Another dispute soon arose, after that of Dr. Sharp, which was of much greater concern; and so Mr. Horne thought, from the part he took in it. How he acquitted himself, the reader must judge when he has heard the particulars.

With many young scholars in the University of Oxford, the principles of Hutchinson began to be in such esteem, that some member of the University, who was in the opposite interest, or had no fancy to that way, made a very severe attack upon them in an anonymous pamphlet, intitled, *A Word to the Hutchinsonians*; and Mr. Horne being personally struck at, as the principal object of the author's animadversions, was obliged to take up the pen in defence of himself and his friends. The public in general, and Mr. Horne in particular, by some very broad hints, gave the thing to Mr. Kennicott of Exeter College,

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a man of parts, and a clear agreeable writer, who had very justly acquired some fame for his skill in the Hebrew language. His two Dissertations, one on the Tree of Life, and the other on the Sacrifices of Cain and Abel, were in many hands, and so well approved, that some farther and better fruit of his studies might reasonably be expected. As to the author of this anonymous pamphlet, I can affirm nothing positively from my own knowledge: I can only relate what was told me by Dr. Golding of New College, who was afterwards Warden of Winchester. From this gentleman I heard what had happened to himself in regard to the publication above mentioned, and what his own sentiments were. Soon after it appeared, Mr. Kennicott accosted him in a book-seller's shop, "Dr. Golding, I give you joy, on being the author of a very ingenious pamphlet called *A Word to the Hutchinsonians*."—"Indeed, said Dr. Golding, I was not the author of it, but I believe you know who was." When an answer had appeared, with the name of Mr. Horne to it, Dr. Golding, meeting Mr. Kennicott in the street, said, "Well, Mr. Kennicott, and who is the author of the *Word to the Hutchinsonians now?*" Which question was only answered by a laugh. The Dr. Golding of whom I am speaking, had been a preacher much approved in the pulpit of the University, and had contended with some zeal for the principles of Hutchinson: but had now the reputation of having forsaken them all; which report might possibly give occasion

to Mr. Kennicott's compliment ; it being not improbable that a person who could forsake them, would make it his next step (as Dr. Dodd afterwards did) to write against them. He had been an intimate friend to the above mentioned Mr. Watson of University College, who had recommended him to travel as a tutor with the Earl of Dartmouth and Mr. North, afterwards Lord North and Lord Guildford, with whom he spent some time abroad. He was undoubtedly a man of learning and ability : but being under the repute of having renounced some principles he had once received, I was very desirous to know how that matter might be : and Dr. Golding, at my request, was so obliging as to do me the honour of a visit, while I lived at a private house in Oxford. I told him plainly, that there were some opinions of Hutcheson in Natural Philosophy, which, when properly distinguished, did appear to me to be true, and, as such, worth recommending to the world : and that as I had some intention of taking the office upon myself, I should esteem it as a great favour, if he, being a person of more years and experience, would communicate to me fairly those objections, which had taken effect upon his own mind ; that if I should be staggered with them, my design might be laid aside. The Doctor was full of pleasantry and good humour ; gave me the whole story about the pamphlet, as above related ; spoke with great respect of Mr. Horne . but as to the particular object of my enquiry, his philosophical *reasons*, I could not succeed in drawing any one

of them out of him, and am to this hour in the dark upon the subject. I shall not therefore indulge myself in speculations and conjectures, for which I have no authority; but only remark in general, what all men of discernment know to be true; that as a man's opinions have an influence upon his expectations in this world (as I have felt to my cost) so, his expectations in this world may have an influence upon his opinions. Hoping that I shall be pardoned for a small digression, not quite foreign to the subject in hand, I return now to Mr. Horne and his Apology*, of which I shall give a short view; but it is a work which cannot without injury be abridged; as comprehending a great variety of subjects in a small compass.

The temper of it appears in the first page. The excellent Hooker had replied to a petulant adversary in the following very significant words: "Your next argument consists of railing and reasons. To your railing I say nothing: to your reasons I say what follows." "This sentence, says the apologist, I am obliged to adopt, as the rule of my own conduct: the author I am now concerned with having mixed with his arguments a great deal of bitterness and abuse, which must do as little credit to himself as service to his cause. He is in full expectation of being heartily abused in return: but I have no occasion for that sort of artillery; and have learned besides, that

* The title is—An Apology for certain Gentlemen in the University of Oxford, aspersed in a late anonymous Pamphlet.

the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Therefore, in the words of the excellent Hooker, *to his railing I say nothing, to his reasons I say what follows.*"

To the charge of being an Hutchinsonian, a name so invidiously applied, as a sectarian appellation, to himself and other readers of Hutchinson's writings, he answers, that, as Christians, they acknowledge no *Master* but *one*, that is Christ: that they were members only of *The Church*: and that as all their reading had not formed them into a *Sect*, they ought not to have a mark set upon them. "Is it not hard measure, says he, that when a clergyman only preaches the doctrines and enforces the duties of Christianity from the Scriptures, his character shall be blasted, and himself rendered odious by the force of a name, which, in such cases, always signifies what the imposers please to mean, and the people to hate? There are many names of this kind now in vogue. If a man preaches Christ, that he is the end of the law, and the fulness of the gospel—'You need not mind him; he is a Hutchinsonian.' If he mentions the assistance and direction of the Holy Spirit, with the necessity of prayer, mortification, and the taking up of the cross—'O, he is a Methodist!' If he talks of the divine right of Episcopacy, with a word concerning the danger of Schism—'Just going over to Popery!' And if he preaches *obedience* to King George—'You may depend upon it, he is a Pretender's man.' Many things may be ridiculed under their false titles, which
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it would not be so decent to laugh at under their true ones."

As to their being a sect or combination of Separatists from the Church-of-England Christians, "We do, says he, most sincerely disavow the name and the thing. In the communion of the Church of England we intend to die. To every zealous friend and promoter of the interest of Christianity, the Scriptures, and the Church, we are ready cheerfully to give the right hand of fellowship, whether he be a reader of Mr. Hutchinson *or not*, &c. 'They tell men' (said their accuser) 'that they, and they only, are the servants of the most high God, who shew forth the way of salvation:'—'they labour to discredit all other preachers.' "By no means" (says the answerer) "they labour to discredit all false doctrines, preached by many who SHOULD preach the gospel. It is the complaint of hundreds of serious and pious Christians, who never read or heard of Mr. Hutchinson, that there is at present a lamentable falling off from the OLD way of preaching and expounding the word of God. And if there be such a defection from the primitive manner of preaching, the proper place wherein to speak of it is an University, where preachers are educated. If offence should be taken at this, I can only say, that if any one will tell me how truth may be spoken, in such cases as these, without offending *some*, I will spare no labour to learn the art of it."

If any person wishes to know all the particular charges brought forward by this author, and how they

they are answered, he will find the pamphlet at large a very curious piece, and to that I would refer him : but some of these answers carry so much instruction, that I cannot refrain from extracting a few of them. To the charge of their *insulting and trampling upon reason, under pretence of glorifying revelation*, Mr. Horne answers : “ The *abuse*, not the *use*, of reason, is what we argue against. Reason, we say, was made to *learn*, not to *teach*. What the eye is to the body, reason or understanding is to the soul ; as saith the apostle, Eph. i. 18, having the *eyes* of your *understanding* enlightened. The eye is framed in such a manner as to be *capable* of *seeing* ; reason in such a manner as to be *capable* of *knowing*. But the eye, though ever so good, cannot see without light : reason, though ever so perfect, cannot know without instruction. Therefore the phrase, *light of reason*, is improper ; because it is as absurd to make reason its own informer, as to make the eye the source of its own light : whereas reason can be no more than the organ which receives instruction, as the eye admits the light of heaven. A man may as well take a view of *things upon earth* in a *dark night* by the *light of his own eye*, as discover the *things of heaven*, during the *night of nature*, by the *light of his own reason*,” &c.

To another similar objection, often made against them, that they *decry natural religion*, it is answered, “ To be sure, we do ; because, at the best, it is a religion without the knowledge of the true God, or the hope of salvation ; which is *Deism* : and it is a
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matter of fact, that from Adam to this day, there never *was*, or *could be*, a man left to *himself*, to make a *religion of nature*. It is, we know, a received notion, that man, by a due and proper use of his reasoning faculties, may do great things : and so, by a due and proper use of the organs of vision, he may know much of the objects around him. But still, the pinching question returns : is it not *light* that enables him to make a due and proper use of the one, and *instruction* of the other ? Shew us the eye that sees without light, and the understanding that reasons upon religion without instruction, and we will allow they both do it by the *light of nature*. Till then, let us hear no more of *natural religion*. And let me, on the subjects of reason and nature, recommend two books : the first, Mr. Leslie's Short and Easy Method with the Deists ; where the debate between them and the Christians upon the evidence of revelation is brought to a single point, and their cause overthrown for ever. This most excellent piece, with the other Tracts of the same author usually bound with it, have, I thank God, entirely removed every doubt from my mind : and, in my poor opinion, they render the *metaphysical* performances upon the subject entirely useless. The second book I would recommend, is Dr. Ellis's Knowledge of Divine Things from Revelation, not from Reason or Nature. In this book natural religion is fairly demolished."

Mr. Horne and his friends were farther charged with " a great contempt for *learning*." " But that,"
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says he, “depends upon the *nature* and *kind* of the learning. Because sometimes a man is called a *learned* man, who, after a course of several years’ hard study, can tell you, within a trifle, how many *degrees* of the *non-entity* of *nothing* must be *annihilated*, before it comes to be *something*. See King’s Origin of Evil, ch. iii. p. 129, with the note. That such kind of learning as that book is filled with, and the present age is much given to admire, has done no service to the cause of *truth*, but on the contrary that it has done infinite disservice, and almost reduced us from the unity of Christian faith to the wrangling of philosophic scepticism, is the opinion of many besides ourselves, and too surely founded on fatal *experience*.” —“As to those who are engaged in the study of useful Arts and Sciences, Languages, History, Antiquities, Physics, &c. &c. with a view to make them handmaids to divine knowledge; we honour their employment, we desire to emulate their industry, and most sincerely wish them good luck in the name of the Lord.” The Metaphysical System alluded to above, was a book in great request at Cambridge, between the years 1740 and 1750; and was extolled by some young men who studied it, as a grand repository of human wisdom. The notes were written by Dr. Edmund Law, afterwards Bishop of Carlisle. Having heard so high a character of it, I once sat down to read it, with a prejudice in its favour. I afterwards shewed it Mr. Horne: and when he had considered it, we could not but lament in secret, what he at length

length complained of in public, that a work so unfounded and so unprofitable should have engaged the attention, and excited the admiration, of scholars intended for the preaching of the Gospel. The account here given of it has something of the caricature; but the leading principle of the book is in substance as the apologist has described it.

Whoever the author of the pamphlet was, he seems to have entered upon his work with a persuasion, that the gentlemen of Oxford to whom he gives the name of Hutchinsonians, were in such disesteem with the world, so little known by some, and so much disliked by others, that any bold attack upon their characters would be sufficient to run them down: and imagining that his book must have that effect, he foretells them how they must submit, in consequence of it, to *descend and sink into the deepest humiliation*, &c. This is not criticism, but unmerciful outrage; and the author has so much of it, that the apologist having collected it together, concludes with a very pathetic remonstrance: "These, sir, are *hard speeches* against men, of whom, their enemies themselves, being judges, must own, that they are found in the *faith*, steady to the *church*, and regular in their *duties*—Upon an impartial survey of all that has been said or written against us—I must declare, that *neither against the law, neither against the temple, neither against Cæsar*, is it proved that we have *offended any thing at all*," &c. &c.

The reader may perhaps observe upon what I have presented to him, and he would see it more plainly

if he were to read the whole book, as I would advise him to do, that the dispute relates chiefly to the foundations of religion. Of Hutchinson we hear but little; his name was the match that gave fire to the train: but the question seems really to have been this; whether Christianity, in the truth and spirit of it, ought to be preserved; or whether a spiritless thing, called by the name of Christianity, would answer the purpose better: in other words, whether the religion of Man's Philosophy, or the religion of God's Revelation, should prevail. If this was the question, a more important one was never agitated since the beginning of the Reformation; and every true Christian hath an interest in the issue of it. The temper with which Mr. Horne conducted himself, though under very great provocation, is much to be admired. There never was a piece of invective more and completely taken down than in the Apology; the matter of it is both instructive and curious: several points of divinity, more than my short abstract would admit, are truly and clearly stated: and as to the characters of the writer himself and his friends, we see the crimes of which they were accused, and the defence they were able to make; of which defence those persons could form no judgment, who had taken their opinion of the parties from the Reviews and other disaffected publications of the time; unless they were wise enough to collect by inference, that where bad things were so much applauded, that which was dispraised and outraged must have some good in it.

it. As to myself, I freely confess, I am to this hour delighted and edified by that Apology; and after so many years, I see no reason to depart from any one of its doctrines; but should be thankful to God, if all the young clergy of this church were almost and altogether such as Mr. Horne was when he wrote it; and I heartily wish it may be republished with his works, that they may have an opportunity of reading it. And I would advise, if it were possible, they should see what the learned Dr. Patten wrote in the same year; who was author of another Apology; which, with its defence against the Reverend Mr. Ralph Heathcote, displays the meekness of great learning against the vain blusterings of great assurance*: and, to shew how the Reviews of this country impose upon the ignorant and the credulous, Mr. Heathcote was highly commended, and the character of Dr. Patten was taken from the representation of his adversary, without reading his book†. But I must now proceed to another cause, which made more noise in the world, and is in itself of such importance that it ought never to be forgotten.

After his Apology, Mr. Horne took a part in the controversy with Mr. Kennicott on the Text of the Hebrew

* What David Hume calls the Illiberal Petulance, Arrogance, and Scurrility of the Warburtonian School. See his Life, p. 21.

† *Vestra solum legis, vestra amatis: cæteros causâ incognitâ condemnatis.* See the Crit. Rev. for April 1756. In the year 1759 Dr. Patten preached another sermon before the University, which he printed. In this the subject of his two former pieces is continued, and the argument carried on farther, and well supported.

Hebrew Bible ; in which he and his friends so deeply interested themselves, on a principle of conscience as well as of literary evidence, that it is impossible for me to proceed in the task I have undertaken, without giving a plain and impartial account of what passed upon that occasion ; and it will afford me an opportunity of bringing to light an extraordinary character of whom the world never heard.

Mr. Kennicott having distinguished himself as a person learned in the Hebrew ; a proposal was set on foot by himself and his friends for collating the Text of the Hebrew Bible with such manuscripts as could *now* be procured ; in order to reform the Text, and prepare it for a new translation to be made from it into the English language. Mr. Kennicott explained at large the nature of this design, and attempted to prove the necessity of such a measure, in some learned dissertations on the state of the printed Hebrew Bibles. The design came at length to maturity ; Mr. Kennicott himself was appointed as the sole conductor of it ; and such powerful interest was made in its behalf, that persons of the first honour and eminence supported it by an annual subscription to a very great amount. Manuscripts were collected from all parts of the world ; and a company of collators were employed under the eye of Mr. Kennicott at Oxford ; who gave an annual account, attested by Dr. Hunt the Hebrew professor, of the state of the collation. The subscription was continued, and the work went on for several years. A new Hebrew Bible was at length printed in folio ;
a copy

A copy of the first volume of which came to the library of the Sorbonne while I was at Paris in the year 1776, and was shewn to me by Mr. Affeline the Hebrew professor of that time*.

Far be it from me to speak with disrespect of an undertaking, which had the encouragement of so many great, so many good, and so many learned persons; who must be supposed to have acted with the best intention, in consequence of such *reports* as were laid before them; for many of them certainly had no judgment of *their own* upon the subject. But Mr. Horne, and some other readers of Hebrew, never approved of the design from the beginning; and Dr. Rutherford of Cambridge, a man of no small erudition, wrote professedly, and with some asperity, against it; or, at least, against the way in which he thought it would be executed. Some of the considerations they went upon were these following:

1. That the design was dangerous, and had a bad aspect. A new translation of the Bible into English had been strenuously recommended some years before by suspected persons with an ill intention†. That
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* After the Revolution of 1789 this gentleman was made Bishop of Bologne by the King; but by reason of the increasing troubles, he went to Brussels, and afterwards into Germany. He is universally spoken of as a person of great worth and learning.

† It appears from a Life of Dr. Sykes, p. 334, that the Socinians had great hopes from a new English Version of the Bible, by which *all our present learned illustrations of the S. S. were to be super-*

such persons being not well affected to the Church of England or its doctrines, would probably interfere with all their heart and interest, to turn the design to their own purposes. For it was evident by the intention of Dr. Kennicott *at first*, that there should be both a New Hebrew Text; and a New English Version: and I am rather of opinion, that Mr. Horne and his friends, by their remonstrances, however apparently *unnoticed*, might have some little share of merit in preventing it.

2. It hurt and alarmed them, to see a learned gentleman plead and argue, as if he had a victory to obtain by proving the corruption of the Hebrew Text, and it were the game he was hunting after; for this did not look as if the glory of God was the object in view, but rather his own emolument as a collator—
 ὅτι καὶ τὸ συμπέρον, ἐκεῖ τὸ εὐσεβές.

3. They were of opinion, that the attempt was superfluous; because the exactness of the Masoretical Jews had guarded and secured the Text of their Bible in such a manner, that no other book in the world had ever been so guarded and secured: that therefore there could not be room for any great alarm upon the subject.

feded—all things were to become new—the disciples were to become one fold, and the absolute unity of the peerless majesty of God was to be maintained by the whole community of Christians.—Socinianism alone was to introduce Paradise and the Millennium. The Socinians of Poland had a translation made; but it did not answer their purpose. See Mosheim's Hist. of Socinianism.

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4. That Cardinal Ximenes and his assistants, about two hundred years before, had carefully collated the Hebrew Text with manuscripts, older and better than were now to be met with in the world; and had exhibited a printed Hebrew Text, as perfect as could be expected or *need be desired*: because, by Mr. Kennicott's own confession, no such errors occurred in the Text as affected any point of doctrine; the various readings being chiefly to be found in dates and numbers, which are of less importance and more uncertain notation. That therefore, what Cardinal Ximenes had done in a better manner and with greater advantages, would now be done with more difficulty, and probably to less effect.

5. They apprehended, that the dispute about the Hebrew Text, the Samaritan Pentateuch, &c. had been sufficiently agitated and judiciously stated by Carpzov of Leipzig in his writings against Whiston; so far at least, as to shew, that no great things were to be expected from any adventurer, who should afterwards take the same ground. Carpzov's book was thought so useful and satisfactory, that Moses Marcus a converted Jew had translated it into English.

6. A consideration which had great weight with Mr. Horne was that of the probable consequence of an undertaking so conducted as this was likely to be. Unbelievers, Sceptics, and Heretics, of this country, who had affected superior learning, had always been busy in finding imaginary corruptions in the Text of Scripture: and would in future be

more bold and busy than ever; as the work of confounding the Text by unsound criticism would be carried on with the sanction of public authority, and the Bible left open to the experiments of evil-minded critics and cavillers. For besides the collating of manuscripts, the collator, in his Dissertations, had opened three other fountains of criticism, by which the waters of the Sanctuary were to be healed: the Ancient Versions, the Samaritan Pentateuch, and Sound Criticism. Having considered these in their order, Mr. Horne sets before his readers above twenty instances from Mr. Kennicott's own books, as a specimen of his manner of proceeding; to shew "what an inundation of licentious criticism was breaking in upon the Sacred Text." These instances are such as fully justify his reflexions; which the reader may find at p. 12, &c. of his View of Mr. Kennicott's Method, &c.

Such were the considerations on which Mr. Horne and his friends opposed Mr. K's. undertaking; and, it is hoped, nothing has appeared to their disadvantage. In the progress of the controversy, some other considerations arose, which served to confirm them in the part they had taken. They observed that Mr. Kennicott changed his ground; first urging the necessity of a *new Text* for the purpose of a new English Version; and afterwards giving it up, without assigning his reasons. Another fact arose, which was palpably contrary to his own principles. When the design was to come forward, he had objected to the labours

of Cardinal Ximenes, as being ineffective, because he admitted manuscripts furnished by Jews: but when the work was to be carried on, he himself made Jews his agents, to collect manuscripts for him in foreign parts, and admitted them, so far as we know, without reserve: and with this remarkable difference, that the Jews of the Cardinal were turned Christians; whereas the Jews of Mr. Kennicott were still in their unbelief—except one; and he was of a character so extraordinary, that the reader cannot be displeased if I give some account of him; without which, so great a curiosity would, in all probability, be lost to the world. While the work of collation was going forward, it so happened, that Mr. Kennicott and his work, and Mr. Horne, and some of the friends to both, fell into difficulty and danger, from a man whose name was Dumay; a person, who having been encouraged upon benevolent motives in the beginning, proved in the issue to be not much better than the Dumas, who had been attended in the Castle at Oxford; and of whom it is still uncertain, whether he did not come to the same untimely end. It was my fortune to be the first person in the University of Oxford that took notice of him, and the last that received any intelligence about him after he left this country; and it is doubtful to me whether any body is better acquainted with his character and history than myself. He was a French Jew, born upon the borders of Lorrain, and had received such an education as enabled him to understand

Hebrew, and to write it with consummate excellence. He could turn his hand to drawing, and any other work of art: he had the ingratiating address of a Frenchman, with an appearance of sincerity; but with the unprincipled mind of a Jew; so that there was no depending upon him. Before he was twenty years of age, he appeared at Oxford as a petty Jew-merchant, whose whole stock consisted of a few seals, pencils, and other trinkets. His civility drew my attention, and I took him to my chambers, to inquire what he had learned. I soon found his qualifications considerable, and, for his excellence in writing Hebrew, set him to work, with design to preserve his performances as curiosities; and I have several of them by me at this time. His ingenuity soon procured him more friends, of whom Mr. Horne was one of the most considerable; by means of which he gained a moderate livelihood; and some pains were taken with him occasionally, with the hope of bringing over a person of so much Jewish knowledge to some sense of Christianity. After he had led this sort of life for some time, he returned to visit his relations in France; having first prevailed on me to write him a testimonial of his late behaviour, to procure him a favourable reception; from which it seems probable, that he had left his friends in consequence of some misdemeanor. While he was abroad, he turned Christian, and received baptism from a priest of the Church of Rome, under the name of Ignatius. Then he went into the army of the King of France; promoted desertion
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among his comrades, quarrelled with his officer, and ran him through the body, but without killing him. Just at this juncture, the army in which he served came to an engagement with Prince Ferdinand, and he was taken prisoner. But the Prince having heard something of his history, and understanding it would be certain destruction to him if he were sent back to his own party, gave him a passport to England, with a recommendation to Mr. De Reiche, the Hanoverian Secretary at St. James's; a very worthy friendly gentleman, who had been a considerable benefactor to Dumay, till he found him at length a dead weight upon his hands, and grew tired of him. In the year 1761, after the famous transit of Venus, he presented himself to Mr. Horne at Magdalen College with terribly sore eyes; and being asked what was the matter, he answered, that he had suffered in his eyesight by looking at the sun: for having omitted to furnish himself as other people did for the occasion, he had made all his observations through a crack in his fingers, and had nearly put his eyes out. I do not recollect at what time he entered into his employment under Mr. Kennicott, who certainly found him very well qualified for his purpose in point of ability and industry, but high-spirited, turbulent, and discontented; so that after he had been a year or two at the work of collating Hebrew manuscripts, he quarrelled with his employer, threw himself out of his work, and came with his complaints to me in the country, desiring to shew me some extracts he had

made from the collations, that I might be a witness with him to the futility of the undertaking. The specimen he produced was not to the advantage of it; but it was not easy to judge, how far the fidelity of a person in an ill humour was to be depended upon. None but the collator himself could determine with precision. I advised him by all means to return to Mr. Kennicott, make his peace with him, and go on quietly with his business. Which he did; but after a perfidious manner; playing a false game between two parties; and carrying stories from the one to the other as it suited his purpose, till all his friends found reason to be afraid of him, and Mr. Kennicott (now Dr. Kennicott) was under the necessity of dismissing him. So he left the occupation of a collator, formed a plan for forging Hebrew manuscripts, with all the appearances of antiquity, and putting them off for genuine, to shew how the world might be imposed upon. Somebody in compassion to his distress recommended him as an assistant to a charitable gentleman at a school in Bedfordshire, for which employment he was well qualified; but there also, after he had given much trouble, he miscarried. At length he got into some place of trust, which gave him an opportunity of making off with a sum of money: for, with all his ingenuity and industry, and without any one expensive vice, yet as if some dæmon had pursued him, he so ordered his affairs, that, having now a wife and child to maintain, he was very seldom far from beggary: whence one would hope he did some things

things rather from distress than malignity; though it must be owned, that upon the plea of his own wants, he could justify himself to his own conscience in any act of perfidy against the best of his benefactors; his conduct being exactly the same to his friends and his enemies, if his affairs required it. With what he had thus got he went over to Paris; where, by means of his own Hebrew papers, and some others which he had carried away with him, he had the address to introduce himself to a society of Hebrew scholars among the Capuchin Friars of St. Honoré; and amongst them all they fabricated a work, in the French language, which came over into England under the title of *Lettres de M. l'Abbé de * * * * Ex-professeur en Hébreu en l'Université de * * **, au Sr. Kennicott Anglois. It has Rome in the title, as if it had been there printed, but it was sold at Paris; and its date is 1771. This pamphlet is severe, both in its reflexions and its examples, on the work of collation, so celebrated in England, that people would hear nothing against it; and I was told, that the bookseller who traded in foreign books refused to take this into his shop: and yet some of its assertions are but to the same effect with those of Mr. Horne in his View; the substance of which the reader may see from the quotation in the margin*. This piece was afterwards translated

* Il ne restera pas un seul mot dans la Bible Hébraïque dont on puisse garantir la sincérité. Sentez donc les suites de votre entreprise: il n'en résultera qu'un ouvrage mal conçu, peu conforme
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translated into English by a worthy gentleman, who was struck by its facts and arguments; and a small anonymous pamphlet was published soon after its appearance, apologizing for the silence of Dr. Kennicott, and alleging that he had *no time to answer it*.

While I was at Paris, I inquired of Mr. Affeline, the Hebrew professor at the Sorbonne, whether he had ever seen such a person as I described Dumay to be? He answered that he had seen him, but that he was *gone off* from Paris, and he supposed nobody knew what was become of him. When I inquired farther, who had been his friends, he confessed that the Capuchins of St. Honoré were suspected to have been the compilers and editors of his book. Now the reader has heard my story, let him consider, whether he can recollect a more extraordinary character, than that of this Jew, Christian, Papist, Protestant, Soldier, Scrivener, French, Englishman! If it so happened that he survived his *fourberies*, he may have proved to be a servicable hand, and have acted some useful part upon the stage of the French Revolution*.

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aux regles de la saine critique, totalement inutile, et plus propre à éblouir par un vain étalage de prétendues corrections, qu'à instruire par des raisonnemens solides. P. 12.

* This man is frequently spoken of in Dr. Horne's Letters; from one of which, of March 1770, I take what follows: "The Sieur Dumay is a curious rogue indeed. The subject is so pregnant, that I could with pleasure put out my candles, to pass the evening in meditation upon him and his proceedings, since we had first the honour of knowing him, when he talked so much of Titus and the copper fly. If the best men are most imposed upon (as
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Neither Mr. Horne nor his friends could ever be persuaded, that, under the present state of the printed Hebrew Text, the labours of an Hebrew collator were at this time *wanted* by the Christian world; or that the experiment, from the face with which it made its appearance, would not be attended with some danger: and it might be owing (as I have said) to their pressing remonstrances, that the plan of a new Text, and new English Translation, was laid aside. How far they were right in apprehending evil from it to the Christian cause, doth not appear from any consequences which have yet followed, and we hope it never will. The edition makes a very fine book, which will do honour to the memory of the editor, and, with its various readings, may be a very innocent one, if used with discretion. My learned and worthy friend the Rev. Mr. Parkhurst (the last edition of whose Hebrew Lexicon was patronized by Dr. Horne after he was made a bishop) speaks of it with due respect: his words are these—"The principal *various readings* in Dr. Kennicott's Hebrew Bible have been carefully noted, and are submitted to the reader's consideration and judgment. And it is hoped that the use which is here made of that elaborate work cannot fail of being acceptable to every serious and

some say they are), we may, I think, without vanity, esteem ourselves to be a tolerably good sort of people." N. B. The Jews have a foolish legend, that when Titus had destroyed Jerusalem, God Almighty, to be revenged on the enemy of his people, sent a copper fly for his punishment, which crept up his nose, and fed upon his brain, till it had killed him.

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and intelligent inquirer into the sense of the Hebrew Scriptures." See the advertisement to the third edition.

Of the friendly way in which Dr. Kennicott and Dr. Horne lived together, forgetting all their former disputes, yet without changing their opinions on either side, so far as I have been able to discover, I have already spoken : but the cause of learning and religion is still, and ever will be, so deeply concerned in the argument between them, that it well deserves to be remembered and understood ; and for this reason only I have spent so many words upon it. I may therefore hope to be pardoned, if I still go on to do as much justice as I can to Dr. Horne's side of the question, by adding one weighty reason, which he had (though he did not say much about it) for his suspicions in regard to the good effect of the collating system*. He thought it would be of disservice to turn the minds of the learned *more* toward the *letter* of the Bible, when they were already too much turned away from the *spirit* of it. The best fruits of divine wisdom may be gathered from the word of God, in any language, and in any edition. To what the Scripture itself calls the *spirit* of the Scripture, the learned of late days were become much more inattentive than in past ages. The Puritans of the last century set a proper value upon it, and some of them did well in displaying it : but when their formal

* In Bishop Hurd's late Life of Dr. Warburton, Dr. Lowth is reflected upon for his expectations from the labours of Dr. Kennicott.

manners, with their long prayers, and their long graces, were rejected, their interpretations of the Scripture, and with them all sounder interpretations of the kind, fell into disrepute; for men are such hasty reformers, that if they cast out evil, they cast out some good along with it. When tares are plucked up, the wheat is always in danger.

To this cause another may be added. The persons, who since that time have risen into chief repute for parts and learning, had nothing of this in their compositions; such as Clarke, Hoadley, Hare, Middleton, Warburton, Sherlock, South, William Law, Edmund Law, and many others, who have flourished since the Restoration: they either did not know it, or did not relish it, and fell totally into other ways of studying and reasoning: after which it was naturally to be expected in their disciples, that the *spirit* of the Scripture should be less regarded. This actually did happen, and to such a degree, that many did not even know what was meant by it. Somebody was wanting to revive the knowledge that was lost: but alas! when this was attempted, the door was shut. This sort of learning, the best and the greatest of which the mind of man is capable in this life, had been so long asleep, that it seemed likely never more to awake. Accordingly, when Mr. Horne sat down to write his Commentary on the Psalms, which proceeds throughout upon the true principle, he was under great anxiety of mind about the reception of it by the world; and expressed his fears in the Preface
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to the work; telling his readers “ he is not insensible that many learned and good men, whom he does not therefore value and respect the less, have conceived strong prejudices against the scheme of interpretation here pursued; and he knows how little the generality of modern Christians are accustomed to speculations of this kind.—In the first age of the Church, when the apostolical method of citing and expounding was fresh upon the minds of their followers, the author cannot but be confident, that his Commentary, if it had then made its appearance, would have been universally received and approved as to the general design of it, by the whole Christian world,” &c. &c. How unfortunate it is that such *strong prejudices* should be *conceived against* that mode of interpretation, in which Christians differ from Jews! But so it is; and so long as it is the custom for learned men to employ their time and talents, as the Masorites did, and more reputation is to be obtained by picking and sifting of letters, than by the apostolical method of opening the sense and spirit of them, the evil will be rather increasing than diminishing. When fashion invites, vanity will always follow; critic will succeed to critic, and he that is the boldest will think himself the greatest, till all due veneration for the Bible is lost, and the Text is cut and flashed, as if it were no longer a living body, but the subject of a Lecture in Surgeons’ Hall. While the rage of *editing* prevails, and the state of the *copy* is the grand object, we have then too much reason to apprehend, that the spirit of life,

which is still to be found, even in the worst copies and poorest editions, will be less regarded and understood. We should have but a mean opinion of the gardener, who should always be clearing and raking his borders, but never raising any thing from them to support the life of man. Thus, if collating ends in collation, the tendency of it may be bad, though it be ever so well executed; and I believe this was, at the bottom, the chief objection against it in the mind of Mr. Horne. He was shy of speaking too plain, through a fear of giving offence; but the time has now many greater dangers than that of offending some few modern critics and editors.

I relate it as a singular occurrence, that when the mind of Mr. Horne was first filled with the design of commenting upon the Psalms, he should meet with a traveller in a stage-coach, who was in principle the very reverse of himself. The man gave his judgment with all freedom on all subjects of divinity, and among the rest on the use of the Psalms in the service of the Church. The Psalms of David, he said, were *nothing to us*, and he thought *other compositions* might be substituted, which were much more to the purpose than David's Psalms. He happened to be speaking to a person, who could see deeper than most men into the ignorance and folly of his discourse, but was wise enough to hear him with patience, and leave him to proceed in his own way. Yet this poor man was but the pattern of too many more, who want to be taught again, that *David* was a *Prophet*, and
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speaks of the Messiah where he seems to be speaking of himself; as the apostle St. Peter taught the Jews, in the second chapter of the Acts, and thereby converted three thousand of them at once to the belief of Christ's resurrection.

There is another modern way of criticising upon the Scripture, to which Mr. Horne had no great affection, as thinking it could never be of much service: I mean that custom, which has prevailed since the days of Grotius, of justifying and illustrating the things revealed to us in the Scripture from *heathen* authorities. I had seen too much of this among some of my acquaintance, who were no mean scholars; but who instead of employing themselves in the more successful labour of comparing spiritual things with spiritual, in order to understand them, were diligent in collecting parallel passages from Heathen authors, to compare them with the Scripture; as if the sun wanted the assistance of a candle; or the word of God was not worthy to be received, but so far only as we are able to reconcile it with the wisdom of Greek and Roman authors. He was rather of opinion with a certain writer, that the Bible will explain all the books in the world, but wants not them to explain it. St. Paul did not think it improper, on certain occasions, to refer to Heathen authorities*, and make his use of them for the confirmation of his own doctrine; but this was done when he was arguing with

* See Acts xvii. v. 23. 28.

Heathens, not with *Christians*. There is not the same propriety, when his sublime chapter on the resurrection is compared (as I have seen it) with Plato's doctrine of *generation* and *corruption*. Take the Heathen doctrine of the origination of mankind, and compare it with the sacred history of Adam in Paradise, and it will soon appear how little the one wants the help of the other.

Quum prorepserunt primis animalia terris
 Brutum et turpe pecus, glandem atque cubilia propter
 Unguibus et pugnis, dein fustibus, atque ita porro
 Pugnabant armis, quæ post fabricaverat usus :
 Donec verba, quibus voces sensusque notarent,
 Nominaque invenere——

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It was a doctrine of the Heathen poets, that men, when first made, were *without speech*, creeping on all four like beasts, living upon acorns, and lodging like swine in a forest : whereas, when we consult the Bible, we find the first man conversing with his Maker, placed under a state of instruction and probation, and in a condition but little lower than an angel. What must the consequence be, when an attempt is made to reconcile these two accounts, and melt them down together ? Yet was this actually done by the learned Dr. Shuckford, as it may be seen in the last-written preface to his *Connexion* ; where the history of Adam, and of Eve, and of Paradise, and the Intercourse of Man with his Creator, is commented upon and illustrated from Ovid and Tully, and Mr. Pope's poetical system of Deism,

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called an Essay on Man; till the whole is involved in obscurity, and becomes even childish and insignificant; as if it had been the design of the critic to expose the sacred history to the contempt of blasphemers and infidels. This abuse of learning Mr. Horne could not see without a mixture of grief and indignation: he is therefore supposed to be the person who, in a little anonymous pamphlet, made his remarks on this unworthy manner of handling the Scripture. While he was young, his zeal was ardent, and his strictures were unreserved. Yet I can never persuade myself, that it was the intention of Dr. Shuckford to put a slight upon his Bible; though he certainly has made the Mosaic account as ridiculous in simplicity, as Dr. Middleton did in malice. I rather think he was betrayed into the mistake by a prevailing custom of the age. When the learned are less studious of the Scripture, and become vain of other learning, it may easily be foreseen how the Scripture must suffer under their expositions; and if they do not foresee it, we would refer them for evidence to the Supplemental Discourse on the Creation and Fall of Man, by Dr. Shuckford. The reformer, who dares to censure a corrupt practice, can never be well received by the parties who are in fault. This was the lot of Mr. Horne and his friends. The candle which they had lighted at the Scripture, and held up to shew some dangers and absurdities in modern learning, was blown out, and they themselves were accused as persons of great zeal, and little understanding.

derstanding. How often do we see, that when men *should* be reformed, and are *not*, they are only provoked past remedy! This being, upon the whole, but an unpleasant subject, I shall proceed to one that will entertain us better.

A letter of July the 25th, 1755, informed me that Mr. Horne, according to an established custom at Magdalen College in Oxford, had begun to preach before the University, on the day of St. John the Baptist. For the preaching of this annual sermon a permanent pulpit of stone is inserted into a corner of the first Quadrangle; and so long as the stone pulpit was in use (of which I have been a witness) the Quadrangle was furnished round the sides with a large fence of green boughs, that the preaching might more nearly resemble that of John the Baptist in the wilderness; and a pleasant sight it was; but for many years the custom hath been discontinued, and the assembly have thought it safer to take shelter under the roof of the chapel. Our fore-fathers, it seems, were not so much afraid of being injured by the falling of a little rain, or the blowing of the wind, or the shining of the sun upon their heads. The preacher of 1755 pleased the audience very much by his manner and style, and all agreed he had a *very fine imagination*: but he was not very well pleased with the compliment. As a Christian teacher, he was much more desirous that his hearers should receive and understand, and enter into the spirit of the doctrines he had delivered; but in this, he found them slower

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than he wished, and laments it heavily in a private letter. Two sermons on the subject of John the Baptist were printed, and many others succeeded which were not printed: for the author at last, on a review of what he had done, thought it more advisable to throw the matter out of that form, and cast an abridgment of the whole into the form of considerations: on which performance I have already spoken my mind, and, I believe, the mind of every competent judge, in the beginning of this work. I can only say here, that if there be any Christian reader, who wishes to know what a saint is, and aspires to be one himself, let him keep before his eyes that beautiful, and finished picture of John the Baptist, to the executing of which but one person of the age was equal. But behold how this was described by the Critical Reviewers of the time: "In the Considerations," they say, "there are some judicious and solid remarks relative to practice, but *nothing to engage the attention of a curious, inquisitive, or critical reader.*" They might have said just the same of the Sermon on the Mount. It looks as if they would have been better pleased with a dissertation upon the manner in which the *wild honey* was made and collected for John to eat*, properly

* Many examples might be given, to illustrate the distinction between *Christian* Divinity, by which men are edified, and *curious* Divinity, by which they are only amused and entertained. We read in the gospel, Luke xix. 4. That Zaccheus climbed up into a sycamore tree, to see Jesus pass by, and was led by that circumstance

perly interspersed with quotations from Athenæus and other authors, to shew the learning of the writer, and that, perhaps, but impertinently introduced. When there is a party always ready, and always upon the watch, to hinder the success of every good attempt, and mislead the ignorant on subjects of the first importance, such a writer as the author of those Considerations had little chance of escaping. Their artifices had been so well observed and understood by him, that he was able to predict their proceedings. When

stance to repentance and salvation. When this case is considered by the *Christian Divine*, he dwells upon the circumstance of Zaccheus's desiring to see the Saviour of the world, and the inestimable blessing of being called by him, as Zaccheus was, to a state of salvation. But when the *curious Divine* hears that Zaccheus climbs up into a tree, he climbs up after him; not to see what he saw, but to examine the nature of the tree, and ascertain to what species of plants, botanically considered, it properly belongs.

In this example we have two very different modes of treating the Scripture. No man that loves learning will condemn the critical disquisitor: let him pursue his inquiries; there is no harm in them: but when he presumes, as from an upper region, to disdain the Christian Divine, as unworthy of all commendation, he pays too great a compliment to his own importance, and raises a very just suspicion against his own religious principles. The case of Zaccheus is considered in the *Christian* way by Bishop Hall (see Mr. Glasse's edition, vol. iii. p. 219) and matter enough for the *critical way* may be found in the Voyages of Frederick Hasselquist, p. 129, et alib. The same *inquisitive* person was, as he tells us, very solicitous to discover what *kind of tree in particular* David had his eye upon in the *first Psalm*: which never can be discovered, if his expressions, as they seem, have an allusion to the *Tree of Life*. See our author's *Commentary on the First Psalm*; who inclines to this opinion.

I had printed a discourse on the Mosaic Distinction of Animals in the Book of Leviticus, which had cost me much research and meditation, under the title of *Zoologia Ethica*, in which I had traced the *moral intention* of that curious institution, he foretold me how it would be represented to the public; that the critics would select some part of the work, which was either ambiguous in itself, or might be made so by their manner of exhibiting it, and give that as a specimen of the plan, to discourage the examination of it. "The passage (said he), at page 19, &c. about the *camel* and the *swine* will probably be selected by the Reviewers, given to the reader without a syllable of the evidence, and then the whole book dismissed with a sneer." In a few months after, his prediction was so exactly verified, that one would have suspected him to have been in the secret. "If you look into the Critical Review, you will be tempted to think I wrote the article on the *Zoologia*, to verify my own prediction. Without giving the least account of your plan, and the arguments by which it is so irrefragably supported and demonstrated, the ——— give the very passage about the swine and the camel, and conclude the whole scheme to be visionary, and *problematical*, as they phrase it*." Thus is a malign-

* The date of the letter from which this extract is taken, is Feb. 12, 1772. The work, thus unfairly treated, I sent to the learned Bishop Newton, a writer of profound skill in the language of the Scripture; who allowed that I had proved the *moral intention* of that law which is the subject of it.

nant party gratified, the public is beguiled by false accounts, and the deception may continue for a time; but truth and justice generally take place at last.

There is a portion of the New Testament, very interesting and full of matter, on which the author of the Considerations, soon after he was in holy orders, bestowed much thought and labour; I mean the eleventh chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews. On this he composed at least twenty sermons; which are all excellent; but being more agreeable to the spirit of the first ages than of the present, he was not forward, though frequently solicited, to give them to the world. He objected, that they wanted to be reviewed with a more critical eye, and even to be re-composed; and that this would be a work of time. Toward the latter end of his life, however, he set about it, but got no farther than through the third discourse. The first is on the Character of Abel, the second on Enoch, the third on Noah; of these I have the copy, and hope it will be published. Whoever looks at them, will wish he had lived to satisfy his mind about all the rest. They would certainly have been improved by such a revision; yet, perhaps, not so much as he supposed. First thoughts, upon a favourite subject, are warm and lively; and the language they bring with them is strong and natural; but prudence is apt to be cold and timorous; and, while it adds a polish, takes away something from the spirit of a composition.

But the greatest work of his life, of which he now began to form the design, was a Commentary on the whole book of Psalms. In the year 1758, he told me how he had been meditating on the Book of Psalms, and had finished those for the first day of the month, upon the following plan*: 1. An analysis of the Psalm, by way of argument. 2. A paraphrase on each verse. 3. The substance digested into a prayer. "The work (said he) delights me greatly, and seems, so far as I can judge of my own turn and talents, to suit me the best of any I can think of. May he, who hath the *keys of David*, prosper it in my hand; granting me the knowledge and utterance necessary to make it serviceable to the Church!" Let any person of judgment peruse the work, and he will see how well the author has succeeded, and kept up the spirit of it to the end. His application of the book of Psalms is agreeable to the testimony so repeatedly given to it, and the use made of it, in the New Testament. This question is stated and settled beyond a doubt, in a learned preface to the work. The style is that of an accomplished writer; and its ornaments distinguish the vigour of his imagination. That all readers should admire it as I do, is not to be expected; yet it has certainly met with great admiration; and I have seen letters to him, from persons of the first judgment, on the publication of the book. It will never be neglected, if the church and

* This plan he afterwards thought proper to alter, and, as it is judged, for the better.

its religion should continue; for which he prayed fervently every day of his life. When it first came from the press, Mr. Daniel Prince, his bookseller at Oxford, was walking to or from Magdalen College with a copy of it under his arm. "What have you there, Mr. Prince?" said a gentleman who met him. "This, sir, is a copy of Dr. Horne's Psalms, just now finished. The President, sir, began to write *very young*: but this is the work in which he will always live." In this Mr. Prince judged very rightly: he will certainly live in this work; but there are many others of his works, in which he will not die, till all learning and piety shall die with him.

His Commentary on the Psalms was under his hand about twenty years. The labour, to which he submitted in the course of the work, was prodigious: his reading for many years was allotted chiefly to this subject; and his study and meditation together produced as fine a work, and as finely written, as most in the English language. There are good and learned men, who cannot but speak well of the work, and yet are forward to let us know, that they do not follow Dr. Horne as an interpreter. I believe them; but this is one of the things we have to lament: and while they may think this an honour to their judgment, I am afraid it is a symptom that we are retrograde in theological learning. The author was sensible, that after the pleasure he had received in studying for the work, and the labour of composing and correcting, he was to offer what the age was

ill prepared to receive. This put him upon his guard; and the work is in some respects the better for it, in others not so good; it is more cautiously and correctly written, but perhaps not so richly furnished with matter as it might have been. Had he been composing a novel, he would have been under none of these fears; his imagination might then have taken its course, without a bridle, and the world would have followed as fast as he could wish.

The first edition in quarto was published in the year 1776 when the author was vice-chancellor; and it happened, soon after its publication, that I was at Paris. There was then a Christian University in the place! and I had an opportunity of recommending it to some learned gentlemen who were members of it, and understood the English language well. I took the liberty to tell them, our church had lately been enriched by a Commentary on the Psalms; the best, in our opinion, that had ever appeared; and such as St. Austin would have perused with delight, if he had lived to see it. At my return the author was so obliging as to furnish me with a copy to send over to them as a present; and I was highly gratified by the approbation with which it was received. With those who could read English, it was so much in request, that I was told the book was never out of hand; and I apprehend more copies were sent for. Every intelligent Christian, who once knows the value of it, will keep it, to the end of his life, as the companion of his retirement: and I can
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scarcely with a greater blessing to the age, than that it may daily be better known and more approved.

About the time when it was published, that systematical infidel, David Hume, Esq. died. It had been the aim of his life, to invent a sort of Philosophy, that should effect the overthrow of Christianity. For this he lived; and his ambition was to die, or be thought to die, hard and impenitent, yea, and even cheerful and happy; to shew the world the power of his own principles: which however were weakly founded, and so inconsistent with common sense, that Dr. Beattie attacked and demolished them in the life-time of the author. Special pains were taken by Hume himself, and by his friends after him, to persuade the world, that his life, at the last stage of it, was perfectly tranquil and composed: and the part is so laboured and over-acted, that there is just cause of suspicion, even before the detection appears. Dr. Horne, whose mind was ever in action for some good end, could not sit still, and see the public so imposed upon. He addressed an anonymous letter to Dr. Adam Smith from the Clarendon Press; of which the argument is so clear, and the humour so easy and natural, that no honest man can keep his countenance while he reads it, and none but an infidel can be angry. While Dr. Adam Smith affects to be very serious and solemn in the cause of his friend Hume, the author of the Letter plays them both off with wonderful effect. He alludes to certain anecdotes concerning Mr. Hume, which are very
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inconsistent with the account given in his life: for at the very period, when he is reported not to have *suffered a moment's abatement of his spirits*, none of his friends dared to mention the name of a certain *author* in his presence, lest it should *throw him into a transport of passion and swearing*: a certain indication that his mind had been greatly hurt; and nobody will think it was without reason, if he will read the Essay on Truth by Dr. Beattie; which is not only a confutation of Hume's Philosophy; it is much more; it is an extirpation of his principles, and delivers them to be scattered like stubble by the winds.

The Letter to Dr. Adam Smith, like the Essay of Dr. Beattie, has a great deal of truth, recommended by a great deal of wit: and if the reader has not seen it, he has some pleasure in store. We allow to the memory of Dr. Adam Smith, that he was a person of quick understanding and diligent research, in things relating merely to this world; of which, his Inquiry into the Causes of the Wealth of Nations will be a lasting monument; and it is a work of great use to those who would obtain a comprehensive view of business and commerce: but when he set up Mr. Hume as a pattern of perfection, and judged of all religion by the principles of that philosopher, he was very much out of his line.

The Letter was followed in course of time, by Letters on Infidelity; which are very instructive and entertaining, and highly proper for the preventing or lessening that respect which young people may
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conceive unawares for unbelieving philosophers. It has been objected by some readers of a more severe temper, that these Letters are occasionally too light*: and I must confess, I should have been as well pleased, if the story of Dr. Radcliffe and his man had been omitted: but there is this to be said, that these are not sermons, but familiar letters; that Dr. Horne considered the profession of infidelity, as a thing more ridiculous and insignificant in itself, than some of his learned readers might do; that, as it appeared in some persons, it was really too absurd to be treated with seriousness; and as Voltaire had treated religion with ridicule instead of argument, and had done infinite mischief by it, justice required that he and his friends should be treated a little in their own way†. Besides, as infidels have nothing to support them but their vanity, let them once appear as ridiculous as they are impious, and they cannot live. They can never approve themselves, but so far only

* In his preface to these Letters, the author has endeavoured to obviate this objection; and we think he has done it very sufficiently.

† One of the severest reflexions that ever came from the pen of Dr. Horne, was aimed, as I suppose, at this Mr. David Hume: yet it is all very fair. This philosopher had observed, that all the *devout* persons he had ever met with were *melancholy*: which is thus answered: "This might very probably be; for, in the first place, it is most likely, that he saw very few, his friends and acquaintance being of another sort; and, secondly, the sight of *him* would make a devout person melancholy, at any time." Serm. vol. iii. p. 96. These Letters are a demonstration, that all devout persons are not melancholy.

as they are upheld and approved by other people. To treat them with seriousness (as W—— has treated G——) is to make them important; which is all they want. The opinions of Mr. Hume, as they are displayed in these Letters, are many of them ridiculous from their palpable absurdity: but, it must be owned, they are sometimes horrible and shocking; such as, that man is not an accountable but a necessary agent; consequently, that there is no such thing as sin, or that God is the author of it: that the life of a man, and the life of an oyster, are of *equal* value*: that it may be as criminal to act for the preservation of life, as for its destruction: that as life is so insigni-

* It is a fundamental doctrine in the Creed of *Materialism*, that nature consists of *matter* and a *living substance* of which all living creatures *equally* partake; and which, when it dies in a carcase, is continued in the reptiles that feed upon it. The origin of individual life, in every form, is from the general animation of the world; on which the philosophers of antiquity speculated; and some inconsiderate Christians have taken it up on their authority. You have it in Virgil,

Principio cælum, ac terras, camposque liquentes,

Lucentemque globum Lunæ, Titaniaque astra

SPIRITUS intus alit: totamque infusa per artus

MENS agitat molem; et magno se corpore miscet.

INDE hominum pecudumque genus, VITÆQUE volantium.

And in Mr. Pope's Essay on Man,

All are but parts of one stupendous whole,

Whose body Nature is and God the soul, &c.

Ep. i. 267, &c.

What follows is in exact conformity with the principle of Virgil, and of our philosophical Deists.

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nificant and vague; there can be no harm in disposing of it as we please: that there can be no more crime in turning a few ounces of blood out of their course (that is, in cutting one's throat) than in turning the waters of a river out of their channel. What is murder? It is nothing more than *turning a little blood out of its way*. And so the Irishman said, by the same figure of rhetoric, that *perjury* was nothing more than kissing a book, or, as he worded it, *smacking the calveskin*. This is the sage Mr. Hume! whom Dr. Adam Smith delivers to the world, after his death, as a perfect character; while a man of plain sense, who takes things as they are, would think it impossible that any person, who is not out of his mind, should argue at this rate. Mr. Hume seems to me to have borrowed from the school of the old Pyrrhonists much of that system which he is supposed to have invented. They made all things *indifferent*, and *doubted* of every thing, that there might be nothing *true* or *real* left to *disturb* them. The chief good they aimed at in every thing, was what they called ἀταξία, a state of *undisturbance* or *tranquillity*, in which the mind *cares for nothing*: and it was the ambition of Mr. Hume to be thought to have lived and died in this state; but by all accounts his ἀταξία was not quite perfect*. His object was undoubtedly the

* Pliny the Natural Historian has rightly observed, that Philosophers, through the affectation of *apathy*, divested themselves of all *human affections*. That this was the case with Diogenes the Cynic,

the same with that of the Pyrrhonists, and he pursues it by a like way of reasoning. The speculations of these men were so copious, that there is matter enough left for another Mr. Hume to set himself up with, and pass for an original. Of all the sects of antiquity this was the most unreasonable; and yet pretended to more wisdom than all the rest. That which was but *folly* under Heathenism, turns into desperation and madness under the light and truth of Christianity. Where all was blind tradition, or wild conjecture, there might be some excuse for fixing to nothing; but to affect *undisturbance*, after what is now revealed, concerning death and judgment, and heaven and hell, is to try how far a man can argue himself out of his senses. What angels may think of such a person, I do not inquire: but how must evil spirits look upon that man, who sleeps or laughs over the things at which they tremble; and then calls himself a Philosopher?

Of the Letters on Infidelity, the first half is employed on Mr. David Hume; the latter half on a more modern adventurer; who, to be revenged on the Bishops of this Church, put together a miscellany of objections against the Scripture and the Christian religion. The Right Reverend Bench had pro-

Pyrrho, Heraclitus, and Timon of Athens; the last of whom actually sunk into a professed hatred of all mankind. *Exit hic animi tenor aliquando in rigorem quemdam, torvitatemque naturæ duram et inflexibilem; adfectusque humanos adimit, quales apathes Græci vocant, multos ejus generis experti.* Nat. Hist. lib. vii. c. 19.

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cured an Act of Parliament against the Sunday-Clubs, which met together on the evening of the sabbath-day, to indulge themselves, and corrupt an audience, with certain blasphemous disquisitions and disputations. For thus cruelly disturbing the amusements of infidelity, the Bishops are represented as the vilest of persecutors: whips, tortures, racks, and all the implements of the Holy Office, are introduced to confirm the accusation; from all which a stranger to the case might suppose it a common thing with the Prelates of this country, to break the bones of Infidels, or roast them alive: and all this is for nothing else, but that they had seasonably and wisely provided, that the Christian religion, in a Christian country, should not be trampled under foot, upon the sabbath-day.

The objections this man hath brought together are very well taken off: but if Christians are bound to answer, so long as infidels will object, who never wish to be satisfied, and are probably incapable of being so, their lot would be rather hard, and much of their time unprofitably spent. The Gentlemen of the Long Robe attend the court, not to answer the scruples felons may entertain about the principles of justice, but to administer the law; otherwise their work would never be done: and it is the business of the clergy to preach the Gospel to the people: it was the part of God, who gave the word, to prove it to the world by prophecies and miracles. The prophecies are as strong as ever; some of them more so than
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formerly : and miracles are not to be repeated for proof, after the world hath once been persuaded. All is then left to testimony and education. Before Moses gave the law, he shewed signs and wonders : but when the law was once received, parents were to tell their children, and confirm the truth by the meinorials that were left of it. It therefore lies upon our adversaries to shew, how it came to pass, on any of *their* principles, that men like themselves, as much disposed to make objections, should receive the Scripture as the word of God in the several nations of the world, and receive it at the peril of their lives : a fact which they cannot deny. Let them also try to account for it, on their own principles, how the Jews have been strolling about the world for seventeen hundred years, as witnesses to the Scripture, and to the sentence therein passed upon themselves ? Till they can do these things, it is nothing but an evasion to cavil about words and passages ; a certain mark of prejudice and perverseness. They know they cannot deny the whole ; but as they must appear to be doing something, they flatter their own pride by keeping up a skirmish, and perplex weak people, by raising difficulties about the parts. This was the expedient on which Mr. Voltaire bestowed so much labour. It does not appear to me that he really thought the facts of Christianity to be false ; but that his vanity and perverseness tempted him to ridicule the Bible, without denying in his mind that God was the author of it : in fact,
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that he was a *Theomachist*, who hated the truth, knowing it to be such, and braved the authority of Heaven itself: or, in the words of Herbert, that he was a man,

Who makes flat war with God, and doth defy
With his poor clod of earth the spacious sky.

If a religion, to which the nature of man is so hostile, did actually make its way without force, and against the utmost cruelty and discouragement from the world; *that* fact was a miracle, including within itself a thousand other miracles.

See, on the other hand, how Paganism, Mahometism, and modern Atheism, were and are supported and propagated: the Pagan Idols by ten bloody persecutions, with every act of outrageous mockery and insult, for want of reasons and miracles: the religion of Mahomet (a sort of Christian Heresy) by rewards of sensuality and the power of the sword; that is, by force and temptation: the Atheism of France by farcical representation and ridicule of truth, assisted in the rear by imprisonments, murders, and confiscations. These be thy gods, O Infidelity, by the power of which thy kingdom is established in the world! These violent efforts shew the weakness of false reason, and the strength of that which is true; and demonstrate, that men were prevailed upon by true evidence, and rational persuasion, to receive the Christian faith. Here lie the merits of the cause in a small compass: and let all the infidels upon earth lay their heads

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together, and give a direct answer. Swift assures us from his own observations, and I believe very truly, that a man was *always vicious before he became an unbeliever*; and that *reasoning will never make a man correct an opinion, which by reasoning he never acquired*. Some service, however, is done to the cause of piety, and defensive weapons are put into the hands of those whose minds are as yet uncorrupted, when the malice or ignorance of an infidel is exposed by an examination of his objections: the corruption of *his* mind is thereby displayed in such a manner, that even a child may see it: and therefore we are much obliged to Dr. Horne, for answering the doubts of infidels, and for seasoning his answer with such wit and spirit, that the work, in some parts of it, has the force of a comedy: it should therefore be put into the hands of young people, that they may see how foolish some men are, when they pretend to be over-wise. The Letter to Dr. Priestley from an Under-graduate, and the Letter to Dr. Adam Smith on the Character of David Hume, and these Letters on Infidelity, are three choice pieces upon the same argument, which should always go together. But suppose infidelity is answered, the business is not all done: we have still the *believing unbeliever* to contend with, of whom there is but little hope. The Christian evidence can certainly have no effect on those that deny it: but that it should have so little effect on some that believe it, and even argue and dispute well for it, this is the greatest wonder of all. but so the matter stands.

There is a sort of people amongst us, who believe Christianity as a *fact*, while they deny it as a *truth*: and such persons may do more harm, and be themselves as far from the kingdom of heaven, as the open unbeliever: the gospel assures us, that he and the hypocrite will have their portion together. Priestley asserts the *facts* of Christianity against the Philosophers of France, while he believes no more of its *truth* than the Sadducees of Jerusalem did, who yet never denied that God had spoken unto Moses. That men professing Christianity should be under temptations to vice, we can easily understand: but that their minds should believe and deny, at the same time, concerning the same thing, there is the difficulty. May it be said, that the mind has antecedently admitted a principle, which militates against the *truth* while it does not militate against the *fact*? God knows how the matter is: but I see too much of it in the world.

Though the imagination of Dr. Horne was sometimes at play, when the *Speculum* of Infidelity was in his hand, his heart was always serious: whence it came to pass, that the composition of sermons was a work never out of his mind; and it was the desire and the pleasure of his life to make himself useful in the pulpit wherever he went. The plan which he commonly proposed to himself in preaching upon a passage of the Scripture, was that of giving, 1. The literal sense of it: then, 2. The interpretation or spirit of it: and 3. The practical or moral use of it, in an

application to the audience ! and he was of opinion, that one discourse, composed upon this plan, was worth twenty immethodical essays ; as being more instructive in the matter, more intelligible in the delivery, and more easily retained in the memory. Yet, after long practice, he came to a determination, that no method was more excellent, than that of taking some narrative of the Scripture, and raising moral observations on the several circumstances of it in their order. His Sermon on Lot in Sodom, vol. II. discourse i. and on Daniel in Babylon, vol. II. viii. are of this kind. The Noble Convert, or History of Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch, vol. II. iii. is another. The Paralytic, and the Woman taken in Adultery, belong to the same class. One of the most skilful and excellent preachers this Church could ever boast, was the late Dr. Heylyn, a Prebendary of Westminster. His discourse on the Canaanite was considered by Dr. Horne as a most perfect and elegant model of a sermon, on a miracle, or any other portion of the Scripture : he pronounced it to be succinct, clear, forcible, with nothing in it superfluous or tiresome : and it came into his mind, on reading it, that another after the same model might be composed on the Samaritan Woman and the discourse our Saviour held with her. This he lived to execute. It is still among his unpublished discourses, and is itself worthy to be printed, as a specimen of *this manner*.

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There are certainly different modes of preaching, all of which are good in their way : some are most proper for one subject, some for another. One of these is that of Jesus Christ himself ; who from present occasions, and circumstances of time and place, made use of the opportunity to raise such doctrines as were wanting for the instruction of his hearers : the mind being under the best preparation for the conceiving of truth, when that truth is raised from the objects of its present attention. We see our Saviour at a well of water (a precious object in hot countries) discoursing on the waters of life, to a person who came, in the heat of the day, to draw the water of the well. After this example did Dr. Horne, when he was by the sea-side at Brighthelmstone, take *the Sea* for the subject of a sermon ; one of the most ingenious he ever composed ; and, without question, peculiarly striking to the audience, who had the object before their eyes*. This naturally reminds me of a reflexion he made, when, with other young people of the University, he attended a course of Chemical Lectures at Oxford. It was the custom of Dr. Alcock to carry his pupils over such ground, as rendered the science of great service to every person of a learned profession. The last lecture was upon *poisons* : and the subject required, that snakes should be produced upon the table, and made to bite poor harmless animals to death ; whose cries,

* See vol. III. disc. iv.

and howlings, and convulsions, after the wounds given, were extremely affecting, and made some of the spectators ready to faint. On which he observed afterwards—" *that* would have been the moment, to have delivered a theological lecture on the *Old Serpent* of the Scripture—that hath the *power of death*—and first brought it, with all its fatal symptoms and miseries, into the world!" And he judged right; it would have been better understood, and more felt, at that time, than at any other; for it is not to be calculated, how much the mind is assisted in its contemplations by the senses of the body, giving life to its ideas, and working irresistibly upon the passions.

His opinion concerning the duties of a preacher, is to be found in the Preface to the first volume of his Sermons, expressed in the words of Fenelon. He considered also, but never printed, the faults and abuses which every preacher should study to avoid: and as it may be of much service to some readers, I shall take the liberty of mentioning them in this place:

Let those teach others, who themselves excel,
And censure freely who have written well.

"A preacher should avoid rambling upon *general* or trivial subjects; such as are not to the purpose; not adapted to the wants and occasions of the audience, which are always to be considered.

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“ He should beware of *polemical* and *wrangling* compositions.

“ He should not mix things *sacred* and *profane* together, from an ostentation of learning. Such learning is quite out of place. Also a discourse, consisting of *critical* remarks, is fitter for an *editor* than a *preacher*. See Heylyn I. 155. with the Preface to Maffillon’s *Petit Careme* ; and the note in Oswald’s *Common Sense*, vol. I. for some very useful observations on this part of the subject.

“ To be always dwelling on the *expedience*, *necessity*, and *evidence* of revelation, is to suppose that the audience consists of *Deists* : for such discourses have no effect on any but *Deists*, and rarely upon them.

“ There may be a fault also, in dwelling too much, on the *elementary* and *catechetical* doctrines, and not (as the apostle expresses it) *going on unto perfection*.

“ It is always bad to treat religious subjects in a *dull*, *dry* way ; neglecting the *imagery*, *energy*, and *persuasive elocution* of the Scriptures.

“ Nor is it better to discourse on morality in a *rigid*, *legal*, and *comfortless* manner, without first warming and animating the mind to the practice of it by motives of *faith* and *love*. St. Paul, in I. Cor. XV. discourses, for fifty-seven verses together, on the animating doctrine of the Resurrection of Christ, and in one single verse, the last in the chapter, conveys the moral of the whole.

“ Much time and labour are frequently lost in
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proving what all the hearers allow : as for example, the *obligation* they are under to do their duty, instead of shewing and exposing the various modes of self-deceit, by which they contrive to elude the obligation, and live in contradiction to their principles. Pleas and pretences of this sort should be collected, stated, and answered in a close lively manner, till the hypocrite is completely unmasked, driven out of his strong holds, and obliged to surrender at discretion. Massillon is admirable at this, and it makes the general plan of his sermons.

“ The word of God is abused by preachers, when it is accommodated and made subservient to the corruptions of the time. It is then an instrument for the gratifying of their vanity, or procuring wealth and promotion. Such a traffic with the world is like that of Judas, when he sold Christ for money.

“ All affected elegance, and trifling conceits, are to be avoided, as having a bad effect upon the audience, who are tempted to forget the errand they came upon, and to suppose that the preacher, appearing to have no sense of the greatness of his subject, is not in earnest.

“ Too great familiarity of expression, with coarse images, taken from low subjects, are fulsome. Dr. South has some excellent observations, in vol. IV. p. 40, on the words, *Every scribe instructed into the kingdom of God*, &c.

“ In what is called an *application*, at the end of a sermon, the preacher makes a transition by the

shortest way, from the subject to the audience, and shews them their duty from what has been said. A writer, strong in his expressions, affirms, that a sermon *without an application* does no more good than the *singing of a skylark*: it may teach, but it does not impel; and though the preacher may be under concern for his audience, he does not shew it, till he turns the subject to their immediate advantage."

These observations, upon the composition of sermons, are so much the more valuable, because we have them from a most excellent preacher, who had formed himself upon the rules he has given for others. He is a good farmer, who raises a good crop; but he is a better, who teaches others also to do the same; and the public are more obliged to him. If these precepts were properly attended to, the people would soon know how to distinguish between a sound teacher and an unlearned enthusiast; the Methodists would decrease, and the Church would be edified. If something had been added against errors in the pronunciation of sermons, I should have been glad to communicate it: but as I find nothing to this purpose, I shall venture but a single remark upon the subject. Every preacher wishes to be *understood* as well as heard; but many are deficient in this respect, for want of a distinct articulation; which might easily be acquired, if they would attend to a simple rule, without the observation of which no man's delivery can be perfect. It is well known, that a piece of writing may be understood, if all the vowels are omitted;

omitted; but if the vowels are set down, and the consonants omitted, nothing can be made of it. Make the experiment upon any sentence: for example; *judge not that ye be not judged.* Take out the vowels, and it will stand thus—*jdg nt tht y b nt jdgd*: This may readily be made out: but take away the consonants, and nothing can possibly be made of it—*ue o a e e o ue*. It is the same in speaking as in writing: the vowels make a noise, and thence they have their name, but they discriminate nothing. Many speakers think they are heard, if they bellow them out: and so they are; but they are not understood; because the discrimination of words depends upon a distinct articulation of their consonants: for want of considering which, many speakers spend their breath to little effect. The late Bishop of Peterborough, Dr. Hinchcliffe, was one of the most pleasing preachers of his time. His melodious voice was the gift of nature, and he spake with the accent of a man of sense (such as he really was in a superior degree) but it was remarkable, and, to those who did not know the cause, mysterious, that there was not a corner of the church, in which he could not be heard distinctly. I noted this myself with great satisfaction; and by watching him attentively, I perceived it was an invariable rule with him, to do justice to every consonant, knowing that the vowels will be sure to speak for themselves. And thus he became the surest and clearest of speakers; his elocution was perfect, and never disappointed his audience. In this respect,

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most preachers have it in their power to follow him : his sense, and his matter, and the sweetness of his tone, were such as few will attain to. He was a prelate, to whom I owed much respect ; and I am happy in giving this testimony to his excellence.

The last literary work which Dr. Horne proposed to execute, while Dean of Canterbury, was a formal Defence of the Divinity of Christ against the Objections of Dr. Priestley ; in which it was his intention to shew, how that writer had mistaken and perverted the Scripture and the Liturgy.

I have often wondered secretly, why this good man should have felt as if he was called upon to encounter a writer of Dr. Priestley's disposition, who had already passed under the strong hand of Dr. Horsley, and would have been humbled for the time to come, had he been blessed with any feeling. That Dr. Priestley is a man of parts, a versatile genius, and of great sagacity in philosophical experiments, is well known and universally allowed : but let any person follow him closely, and he will see, that if ever there was a wise man, of whom it might be said, that *the more he learnt, the less he understood*, it will be found true of Dr. Priestley. His vanity made him believe, that he was wise enough to enlighten, and powerful enough to disturb, the world : he was therefore for ever busy at one of these or the other ; a Volcano, constantly throwing out matter for the increase of heresy, schism, or sedition, and never to be quenched by disputing. It is the way of the world, to make
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their estimate of a man from his parts and abilities ; but it is more wise and just to measure him from the *use* he makes of them, to the *benefit* or the *hurt* of mankind ; as the beams of the sun are used to warm and animate, while the brightness of lightning is to terrify and consume. So long as Dr. Priestley felt nothing (or *seemed* to feel nothing) it had a bad effect upon him, and made him more troublesome, that such persons as Dr. Horsley and Dr. Horne should enter the lists against him : it made him appear more formidable in the eye of the public, and so it tended to gratify the prevailing passion of his mind. So far indeed as he deceived and disturbed others, a compassionate regard to *them* might be the motive with those who disputed with him.

In the year 1786 Dr. Horne preached a sermon at the Primary Visitation of the Archbishop at Canterbury, on the duty of *contending earnestly for the Faith* ; and when this was printed, together with another discourse on the Trinity, he subjoined an advertisement, declaring his intention to answer the objections against the Divinity of Christ, which had been urged of late. “ Indulgence, said he, is requested as to the article of *time* : I cannot write so *fast* as Dr. Priestley does ; and I wish to execute the work with care and attention ; after which it shall be left to the judgment of the learned, the pious, and the candid, of all denominations.” At the close of this year, he alludes to the advertisement, in a letter from Canterbury : “ You see the task I have undertaken.”

taken." And here nobody will wonder, that as he had given me his assistance in the first work I published, and its chief merit had been owing to that circumstance, he should demand of me in return any service he thought it in my power to execute : he therefore goes on, " It is undertaken in confidence of your friendly aid ; and I should be happy, as we began together with Clayton, if we might end together with Priestley." For the sake of Dr. Horne, I was ready to work under him, in any capacity he should prescribe : but it always appeared to me, that Priestley was a person of too coarse a mind to be the proper object of a serious argument. That he had *borrowed* most of his objections, I had very little doubt ; and that his remarks on Jews, Gnostics, Ebionites, Plato, Philo, and Justin Martyr, were not original ; there being a magazine in store, to which the orthodox of this country do but rarely apply themselves. If this could have been pointed out, it would have done more toward the curing of his readers, and given more mortification to himself, than the most laboured confutation of the matter in the four volumes of his *Objections*.

Dr. Horne, I am very sure, had a mean opinion of Priestley's originality as a scholar : he speaks of him under the character of a man, *who is defying all the world, and cannot construe a common piece of Greek or Latin* *. I find another note concerning him,

* Letter, Aug. 22, 1786.

with the date of 1788 affixed to it, taken from Dr. Johnson, who spoke his opinion of Priestley to Mr. Badcock in these words; "You have proved him as deficient in probity as he is in learning." Mr. Badcock had called him an *Index-scholar*: but Johnson was not willing to allow him even that merit; saying, that he borrowed from those who had been borrowers themselves, and did not know that the mistakes he adopted had been answered by others*. There was an expectation about this time, that a controversy would break out between Priestley and Gibbon; of which an arch Quaker spoke thus, "Let those who *deny*, and those who *corrupt*, the true religion of Jesus Christ, fight it out together; and let his faithful followers enjoy their mutual overthrow†."

In the eyes of all reasonable men, the Church of England could want but little defence, in a *literary* way, against an adversary so enflamed with political hatred against it, and openly avowing a design to undermine and blow up its foundations, as with an explosion of *gunpowder*‡. When it comes to this, the dispute is no longer literary: the person who carries it on in this way, should be considered (if a

* See the Gentleman's Magazine for July 1785, p. 596.

† Ibid. p. 600.

‡ It was an observation of Dr. Horne, upon the curious sermon on Free Inquiry, that the author spoke of this Powder-plot against the Church of England with as much certainty, as if he had *held the lantern*.

gentleman) as a person of an unsound mind ; if *not* a gentleman, then as an object of the penal laws of his country, if it should have any against such offenders. One, who is so wild and dangerous in his politics, must be a counterfeit in his Christianity ; who being *detected*, is thereby sufficiently *answered*.

On these considerations, without any view to the sparing of my own trouble, I was as well pleased to see, that the design of writing farther against Priestley was not prosecuted with vigour. How much had been collected for this purpose, I do not find ; yet I know that the subject had been long and often in the mind of Dr. Horne ; who told me when at Nayland in the year 1789, he had satisfied himself in respect to every objection from the Liturgy, except one ; and that was from an expression in the Athanasian Creed, which sounded like *Tritheism* ; the Creed affirming each person *by himself to be God and Lord*. I ventured to assure him, that the passage gave me no trouble, because I did not consider it as a metaphysical assertion, but as a plain reference to the words of the Scripture ; which to each person of the Godhead, distinctly taken *by himself*, so far as that can be done, does certainly give the titles both of *God* and *Lord* *. In this, therefore, instead of depending on the Creed, we only depend, as that does, upon the words of the Scripture. With this he was

* See John, xx. 28. Acts, v. 4. and xxviii. 25 ; and many other like passages,

fatisfied, and allowed that such an intention in the Creed removed the difficulty.

The last considerable affair in which he concerned himself while Dean of Canterbury, was an application from the Bishops of the Episcopal Church of Scotland; three of whom, in the year 1789, came up to London, to petition Parliament for relief from the hard penalties under which they had long suffered. This they ventured to do, in consideration of the loyalty and attachment they had lately professed toward the King and the Constitution.

It was my lot likewise not to be an unconcerned spectator in this business. Through an intimacy which had long subsisted between myself and a gentleman of great worth and learning in the county of Kent (the Reverend Nicholas Brett, of Spring-Grove) I became acquainted with the Bishop of Edinburgh, Dr. Abernethy Drummond of Hawthornden, and had frequently corresponded with him. As soon as he came to London with his colleagues on the business aforesaid, he wrote me word of his arrival, and explained the cause of the journey they had undertaken. Being myself of too inconsiderable a station to be of any immediate service to them in a matter of such importance, I thought it the most prudent step I could take, to forward the letter to a great person: who, with his usual goodness and discretion, undertook to be an advocate for them; together with many other persons of high respectability;

bility ; and their petition was at length brought to such an issue, as excited great thankfulness in the petitioners, though it did not exactly come up to the wishes they had formed at setting out.

There was no small difficulty in making some persons understand, who and what these poor petitioners were : and the case, notwithstanding all that has passed, may still be the same with many at this day. I therefore hope to be excused, if I enlarge a little in this place on their history and character, as they appeared, and were known, to Dr. Horne ; whose good opinion will be remembered as an honour, and may be of some use to them hereafter.

He had considered, that there is such a thing as a pure and primitive Constitution of the Church of Christ, when viewed apart from those outward appendages of worldly power, and worldly protection, which are sometimes mistaken, as if they were as essential to the being of the Church, as they are useful to its sustentation. The history of the Christian Church, in its early ages, is a proof of the contrary ; when it underwent various hardships and sufferings from the fluctuating policy of earthly kingdoms. And the same happened to the Episcopal Church of Scotland, at the Revolution in 1688 ; when Episcopacy was abolished by the State, and the Presbyterian form of Church-Government established*. By this establishment

* It is notorious, that the violence of the adverse party against the

establishment the Bishops were deprived of their Jurisdiction, and of all Right to the Temporalities of their Sees. But in this forlorn state they still continued to exist, and to exercise the spiritual functions of their episcopal character: by means of which, a regular succession of Bishops, and Episcopally-ordained Clergymen, has been kept up in Scotland, under all the disadvantages arising from a suspicion of their being disaffected to the Crown, and attached to the interest of an exiled family. While attempts were making in behalf of that family, a variety of circumstances rendered it impossible for them to remove this suspicion, notwithstanding the many inconveniences and hardships to which it exposed them. All they could do was to conduct themselves in such a quiet manner, as might at length convince the Government, they had nothing to fear from a Scotch Episcopal Church, and consequently that there was no necessity for the execution of those severe laws, which on different occasions had been enacted against it.

At last the happy period came, which was to relieve them from this embarrassing situation. The wisdom and clemency of his present Majesty's Government encouraged them to hope, that an offer of

the Episcopal Church in Scotland began *before* the Government under King William was settled: when it could not be known by experience whether they would join with it or not. Before the Convention met, their Clergy were forcibly driven from their churches, and their possessions seized.

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their allegiance would not be rejected : and as soon as they could make that offer in a conscientious manner, they had the satisfaction to find by the King's answer to their address that it was graciously accepted : in consequence of which, they could not but hope, that the British Legislature would take their case into consideration, and see the expediency of relieving both Clergy and Laity of the Episcopal Communion in Scotland from the penalties to which they were exposed in the exercise of their religion.

With this hope, three of their Bishops, as I have said, came to London in the year 1789; and notwithstanding the ample recommendations they brought with them from their own country, they found it a work of time to make themselves and their application properly understood. It would have been barbarous, after the die was cast, to have thrown any discouragements in their way : but I was of opinion, from the beginning, that they were come *too soon* : more preparation was requisite than they were aware of. The penal laws had reduced the Scotch Episcopal Church to a condition so depressed and obscure, that it could scarcely be known to exist, but by such persons as were previously acquainted with its history. Among these, none entered more willingly and warmly than the then good Dean of Canterbury. As soon as he heard of the arrival of the Scotch Bishops at London, he was anxious to let them know how heartily he approved of the object of their journey, and kindly offered every assistance in his

power to bring the matter to a happy conclusion. He paid them every mark of attention both at London and Oxford; and when they set out on their return to Scotland, without having attained their object, he expressed, in very affectionate terms, his concern at their disappointment, and told them at parting not to be discouraged; for, said he, “your cause is good; and your request so reasonable, that it cannot long be denied.”

In February 1791, after having taken his seat in the House of Lords as Bishop of Norwich, he wrote a friendly letter to Bishop Skinner of Aberdeen, assuring him and the other members of the Committee for managing the business of the Episcopal Church of Scotland, that any help in his power should be at their service: and speaking of their applying anew to both Houses of Parliament; he said, “It grieved him to think they had so much heavy work to do over again; but business of that sort required patience and perseverance.”

It was said about this time, that the Lord Chancellor Thurlow withheld his consent to the Scotch Episcopal Bill, till he should be satisfied by some of the English Prelates, that there really were Bishops in Scotland. When Bishop Horne was waited upon with this view by the Committee of the Scotch Church, and one of them observed, that his Lordship could assure the Chancellor they were *good Bishops*, he answered with his usual affability and good humour, “Yes, sir, much better bishops than I am.”

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A clergyman of Scotland, who had received English ordination, applied to him, wishing to be considered as under the jurisdiction of some English Bishop; that is, to be, in effect, independent of the Bishops of Scotland in their own country: but he gave no countenance to the proposal, and advised the person who made it quietly to acknowledge the Bishop of the diocese in which he lived, who, he knew, would be ready to receive him into communion, and require nothing of him, but what was necessary to maintain the order and unity of a Christian Church; assuring him at the same time, that if he were a private clergyman himself, he should be glad to be under the authority of such a Bishop. One anecdote more upon this subject, and I have done.

From the present circumstances of its primitive orthodoxy, piety, poverty, and depressed state, he had such an opinion of this Church, as to think, that if the great Apostle of the Gentiles were upon earth, and it were put to his choice with what denomination of Christians he would communicate, the preference would probably be given to the Episcopalians of Scotland, as most like to the people he had been used to. This remarkable passage happened, as I perfectly recollect, while we were talking together on the subject of the Scotch Petition, on one of the hills near the city of Canterbury, higher than the pinnacles of the Cathedral, where there was no witness to our discourse but the sky that was over our heads; and

yet, when all things are duly considered, I think no good man would have been angry, if he had overheard us.

If the reader should wish to know more of the people of this communion, let him consult an Ecclesiastical History of the Church of Scotland, by Mr. Skinner, father to the present worthy Bishop of Aberdeen; a history comprchending a plain and unaffected detail of facts very interesting and amusing: and I hope he will also be convinced by the narrative I have here given, not only that the Bishops of Scotland are true Christian Bishops, but that the Bishops of England, from the part they kindly took in the affair, do little deserve the clamour which some have raised against them, as if they were so dazzled by their temporalities, as to lose sight of their spiritual character, and bury the Christian Bishop in the Peer of Parliament.

The year 1789 was the fatal period, when French infidelity, with all the enthusiastic fury of fanaticism, which it had affected to abhor, rose up to destroy all regal authority, to extirpate all religion, to silence with the halter or the axe all that were not with them; and, in consequence of their success at home, undertook to shake, and dissolve if possible, all the kingdoms of the world. When this tremendous form of wickedness first appeared, it happened that I was at Canterbury, on a visit to the Dean; and being called upon to preach in the Cathedral, I took the subject of the time, and freely delivered my own sense of it; which

which is now, I believe, the universal sense of all that are true friends to this country. But some persons, to whose affairs a similar Revolution in England would have been of great service, were very much offended; and one of them abused me grossly for it in a Newspaper. Not many weeks after, the Dean himself, on a Court holiday, took the same subject in the same pulpit; in consequence of which, the same person that had reviled me was heard to declare, that 'his sermon ought to be *burned by the hangman*. When he informed me by letter of this accident, he observed upon it in his easy way, that as our doctrines, in bad times, would certainly bring us both to the lamp-post, it might then be said of us "in their death they were not divided." The character of the man, who had treated us with all this insolence, was so vulnerable from its infamy, that some other person, who was intimately acquainted with his exploits, paid off our scores to the last farthing, by exposing them to the public in a paper of the time. In so doing, he verified a wise observation, which I once received from a traveller in France, who had seen and knew more of the world than any I ever met with: "The man, said he, who injures me without provocation, will never be able to contain himself without injuring others in like manner; some of whom will be sure to pay off my scores, and save me the trouble: and in the course of my life, I never yet found, but that somebody or other, in due time, revenged my quarrel, far beyond its

its value, upon that man whose ill manners and insolence I had patiently neglected*.”

The life of Dr. Horne, during his episcopate, affords but few incidents considerable enough to be here related : but there was one, which became the subject of much conversation between him and some of his friends. In the summer of the year 1790, he was upon a visit at the seat of a gentleman in Norfolk, for whom he had a great regard. I met his Lordship there, by his appointment ; and it so happened, that during our visit Mr. John Wesley was upon his circuit about the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, and came to a market-town very near us. Here he had many followers ; and being desirous of preaching to a large congregation, he sent some of his friends to the minister of the place, to ask for the use of the parish church for the forenoon of the next day. The clergyman was under some difficulty how to conduct himself ; but recollecting that the Bishop of the diocese was near at hand, he advised them to go and ask his permission. The messengers accordingly went ; and the Bishop, always more ready to encourage than to hinder any good work, sent them back to the clergyman with this answer ; that if the minister of the parish made no objection, he should make none. So it was determined that Mr. Wesley should preach in the church

* The two discourses here spoken of are to be found in Bishop Horne's Sermons, vol. IV. Disc. xvi. Jones's Sermons, vol. II. Disc. i.

the next day. As I never had an interview with that extraordinary man; and had often desired to meet him, I would have taken this opportunity; especially as there was a matter of no small importance, concerning which I had a question to ask him. But being at this time an attendant upon the Bishop of the diocese, we did not know how it might appear, and were unwilling to run the hazard of such reports as might have been raised upon the occasion. But our friend, at whose house we then were, being of the Laity, was under none of our difficulties; and a more intelligent person for the purpose was no where to be found. I therefore requested him to get to the speech of Mr. Wesley in private, after the sermon should be over, and to ask him in my name the following question; "Whether it was true, as I had been assured, that he had invested two gentlemen with the *Episcopal* character, and had sent them, in that capacity, over to America?" With some difficulty our friend obtained a private audience; and after some short civilities had passed, he put his question. At first, Mr. Wesley was not direct in his answer; but by degrees he owned the fact, and gave the following reason for it; that as soon as we had made peace with America, and allowed them their independence, all religious connexion, between this country and the independent colonies, was at an end; in consequence of which, the Sectaries fell to work to increase their several parties, and the *Anabaptists* in particular were carrying all before them. Something therefore

was to be done, without loss of time, for his *poor people* (as he called them) in America : and that he had therefore taken the step in question, with the hope of preventing farther disorders. The fact being not denied, the gentleman, who, for a layman, is as able a church-casulist as most of his own or any other order, began to inquire a little farther into the case, with the desire to know, how Mr. Wesley had satisfied his own mind in this matter, and what grounds he had gone upon ? But as they were proceeding, some of his friends, either being impatient of any delay, or suspecting that some mischief might be going forward, came abruptly into the room, and reminded Mr. Wesley that he had no more time to spare. Thus the conference was ended, and our friend was obliged to take his leave. Some time afterwards (for we had left his house that morning) he gave us this account, as nearly as I can recollect ; and having been present at Mr. Wesley's sermon, was so well pleased, that he wished half the clergy of the Church of England had preached the same doctrines, with the same zeal and devotion*.

In this preaching of Mr. Wesley, and the subject of the conference, when compared together, we have the character of Methodism complete : it is Christian godliness without Christian order. It is pity we could not obtain Mr. Wesley's own sense of the commission with which *his* Bishops were sent out :

* Let us hope, that the *other* half *do* preach them.

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but as we were disappointed in that, we must inquire for ourselves, and answer as well as we can, without his help. The case obliges us to ask these two questions: 1. With what view this was done? and 2. By what authority? By Mr. Wesley's own account, this was his expedient for the preventing of confusion: whence we may gather, that he supposed confusion was not to be prevented among Christians, but by retaining the order of Bishops: and farther that unity had, in his opinion, been preserved among his own people by their relation to the Episcopacy of the Church of England, from which neither he nor they did ever profess themselves to be in a state of separation. Of this many proofs might be given. Their present application to the Bishop of the diocese, was a confession of his authority, and signified a desire of acting under it: and Mr. Wesley had presented himself at the communion in the Cathedral Church at Norwich, and had received it from the hands of Bishop Bagot, as the Bishop himself informed me. Mr. Wesley might perhaps have considered farther, that if Bishops were wanting in America for the preservation of unity among his people, and he himself did not send them, nobody else ever would: for as the British Government did not send them, when it had power so to do, it was little to be expected they would attempt it when they had none. I cannot say what use he might make of the dispute between Dr. Mayhew, an American Dissenter, and Archbishop Secker, about the sending of Bishops from hence to America;

America; which I have always considered as the beginning and cause of the revolt that soon followed: this, I say, I do not know, and it would be vain to speculate: therefore, let us now ask the second question, by what *authority* he sent Bishops to America?

There are but two possible ways of putting men truly into the ministry: the one is by *succession*; the other by immediate revelation or appointment from God himself. Paul received his commission to preach, not of man nor by man, but of God; who *put him into the ministry*. Other ministers of the Gospel receive their commission by imposition of hands, from those who had received it before. In this latter way of succession, no man can possibly give that which he hath not received. Mr. Wesley being himself but a presbyter, could no more make a bishop, than a member of the House of Commons can make a member of the House of Lords, who is made by creation from the King: the *less is blessed of the greater*, not the greater of the less. And as this could not be done by Mr. Wesley in virtue of what he *was*, it must have been done in virtue of what he *thought* himself to be; a vicar-general of heaven, who was above all human rules, and could give a commission, by a superior right vested in his own person. If he acted of himself, as John Wesley, a presbyter of the Church of England, he acted against all sense and order; and by taking upon himself what no man can take, he would introduce in the issue more confusion than he would prevent. The
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end will never be prosperous, when we do evil that good may come; and if it doth not please God to uphold his own work in his own way, no man can do it for him. He may seem to do something, but it will not last: he works upon a principle, the tendency of which is not to *edification* but to *dissolution*. If Mr. Wesley did not act as of himself, but as by immediate revelation from God, and by the primary authority of Jesus Christ in his Church, then he was an *Enthusiast*, in the strictest and fullest sense of the word; and any other person, or any hundred persons, might act as he did, if they could think of themselves as he thought of himself. But all such confusion was foreseen and prevented, by the rules and orders of a Church, visibly appointed and visibly continued. When any people, whoever they are, think they can act with God against the rules of God, they are either become *Rationalists*, who do all by human authority, and deny all spiritual communication between God and man; or *Enthusiasts*, who think the Inspiration or Spirit of the Gospel has set them above the forms of the Church; which persuasion terminates in *Spiritual Republicanism*. In the Christian society, two things are to be kept up with all diligence; these are, *unity* and *piety*. The man who should suppose, that *unity without piety* will be sufficient to carry him to heaven, would be under a great mistake, and he would be justly condemned and despised for it. But is not he, who supposes that *piety without unity* will carry him to heaven, under as great (and, if he believes the

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the Apostle, as *dangerous*) a mistake*? The subject merits great consideration : but I say no more of it in this place. It reminds me of an anecdote I heard several years ago, and I believe Bishop Horne was my author. When John and Charles Wesley began their new ministry, one of them went to consult with Mr. William Law, as a person of profound judgment in spiritual matters ; and when the case had been opened, and the intention explained, Mr. Law made answer : “ Mr. Wesley, if you wish to reform the world and spread the Gospel, you must undertake the work in the same spirit as you would take a Curacy in the Peak of Derbyshire ; but if you pretend to a new commission, and go forth in the spirit and power of an Apostle, your scheme will end in Bedlam.”

John Wesley was a wonderful man in his way : his labours were abundant and almost incredible † :
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* See and consider the xiith and xiiith chapters of 1 Cor. the xiiith as a continuation of the xiith. Some excellent hints will be found on this subject in the Cautions to the Readers of Mr. Law, printed in the Appendix.

† Among his own people, he seemed to do more than he did. Of this I was informed by a bookseller, who like others had been injured in his trade by the encroachments of Mr. Wesley in the way of *book-making* : and I was witness to some instances of this myself. He put his name to a Translation of Thomas a Kempis as if the Translation had been his own : but a friend shewed me an old Translation, with which it agreed, so far as we could see, in every word. He put his name to a Compendium of Philosophy, though he tells us, curiously in the Preface, it was taken from the work of a Professor at Jena in Germany : yet he must be allowed
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In many respects he did good ; he made thousands of people sober and godly : and while he was doing good, he avoided evil ; he avoided (at least in appearance) the sin of schism : he took the Christian side, in stating the *origin of power*, against the Republicans of America ; for which he was abused as an *old fox*, who only wanted to be made a bishop. But with all this, he raised a society on such principles as cannot preserve its unity ; and thence, in effect, its existence. I now understand, that partly from the loss of their leader, and partly from the confusion of the times, they have embraced some bad opinions ; in consequence of which, with little or no relation to the Church, they will not much longer be distinguished from other dissenters, and may in time be as bad as the worst of them. When the lamp is broken, the snuff may lie burning for a time ; but the supply of oil being gone, the light can be of no long continuance. If the Methodists would keep what they have got, and prevent their own ruin, they must do as Mr. Wesley did ; and they must preserve some relation to the Church, so long as any Church shall remain to which they may be related.

great merit in amplifying the work. He sold a work of mine, as if it had been an original work, partly copied, and partly put into English verse, without asking the consent, or making a word of acknowledgment, in the Title or a Preface, to the author. He was free to produce any possible good from any labour of mine, without being envied : but such proceedings have too much the appearance of party-craft to consist well with honest unaffected piety.

About a year after the accident of the Sermon and the Conference, a Life of Mr. Wesley was published by a Mr. Hampson, in which the fact of sending out bishops is confessed. This book Bishop Horne had procured; and taking it out of his pocket as we were walking together in his garden at Norwich, he turned to the passage and shewed it me; and afterwards he put it into his Charge*, which was the last work he printed before his death: and this brings me to the end of his *literary life*.

For the sake of those who admire his works, and were not acquainted with his person, it may be proper, before I conclude, to say something of his *natural life*. When he first came to the University of Oxford, he was quite a boy; but being at a time of life when boys alter very fast, he soon grew up into a person so agreeable, that at the opening of the Radcliffe Library, when all were assembled and made their best appearance, I heard it said of him, that there was not then a handsomer young man in the Theatre. But he was not of a strong and muscular constitution; and from the disadvantage of being very near-sighted (quite helpless without the use of a glass) he did not render himself more robust by the practice of any athletic exercise. Amusements of that sort gave him more trouble than they were worth, and he never pursued them with any alacrity. It is related of Bishop Bull, that he was not addicted to any innocent pleasure, which is often necessary to unbend the mind;

* See p. 23.

and preserve the body in health and vigour. The only diversion (if it may be called a diversion) to which this great man was addicted, was the enjoyment of agreeable conversation: and the same was the favourite amusement of Dr. Horne to the end of his life. I wish every young man, who is intended for a scholar, had some good or some necessary reason for not being led away by any sort of recreation. It was of service to his mind, that he was no fisherman, no shooter, no hunter, no horseman: the cultivation of his understanding was therefore carried on with less interruption, and his improvements were rapid. While on horseback he seemed to be in more danger than other young men: and he had a friend, who was so much concerned for his safety, that he sometimes rode after him, to watch over him, without letting him know of it. But so it happened, notwithstanding his vigilance, that he saw him suffer one bad fall, upon a dirty road, into a deep slough, and another upon very hard ground in the middle of the summer. His horse was then upon a gallop, and the fall pitched him upon his forehead; but, by the protection of a good Providence, the blow only gave him a head-ach, which soon went off without any other ill effect. When he came at last to be a Bishop, the friend, who had formerly been his attendant, reminded him of these accidents, and observed upon them, "My Lord, I saw you fall twice, I have seen you rise three times:" meaning, that he had first risen to be President of Magdalen College, then to be Dean of Can-

terbury, and afterwards Bishop of Norwich. The year after he came to Oxford, he fell sick of the small-pox, which proved very favourable, and he was removed to a house upon the hill at Headington for an airing; where his recovery had raised his spirits to such a pitch, that his friends could not but observe the growing vigour of his mind, and augurate that his wits were intended for some very active part upon the stage of human life, as it afterwards proved. His health continued tolerably good, till the time of his proctorship: and here it ought in justice to be remembered, that he made one of the best Proctors ever known in the University of Oxford. He was strict in the exercise of his office; but his strictness was accompanied by so much mildness and goodness, that he was equally beloved and feared. His duty called upon him to visit and inspect the houses of poor and disorderly people; in one of which he took the measles, and suffered much by that distemper. The time at which this accident happened, was in one respect rather unfortunate; for he was confined at the time when he should have resigned his office by a personal attendance in the Theatre. Dr. Thurlow, the late Bishop of Durham, being appointed his successor, delivered the Latin speech, at the close of which he spoke to this effect: "As to the late Proctor, I shall speak of him but in few words, for the truth of which I can appeal to all that are here present. If ever virtue itself was visible and dwelt upon earth, it was in the person who this day lays down his office."

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Which words were followed by an universal clapping. It was fortunate in one respect that he was not present; for thus it came to pass, that full justice was done to his character.

After he became President of Magdalen College, he adhered to the interest of Mr. Jenkinson (now Lord Hawkesbury) a little to the disturbance of his academical peace. Mr. Jenkinson had been one of his contemporaries at University College: a gentleman, who, from his first appearance in the University, always promised to *do* something, and to *be* something, beyond other men of his time. It was not possible that two such young men as he and Mr. Horne could be near neighbours without being fond of each other's company. The friendship once formed was ever after preserved: and when Mr. Jenkinson, though well known to be of what was then called the Court party, offered himself to represent the University in Parliament, his two friends, the President of Magdalen, and the Master of University College, voted for him without success. Their departure on this occasion from what was then thought the *old* and proper interest of the University, brought upon them some animadversions from a few of the warmest advocates on the other side; and little scurrilous witticisms flew about against them both in the news-papers; which, so far as their own persons were concerned, had little effect upon either, but that of exciting their laughter; and they have often been heard to make themselves merry with several passages of that time.

Soon after he was advanced to the Presidentship of Magdalen College, he took to wife the only daughter of Philip Burton, Esq. a lady for whom he always preserved the most inviolate affection. By her he had three daughters; of whom the eldest is married to the Rev. Mr. Selby Hele, and the two younger, who are single, reside in Hertfordshire with Mrs. Horne. The former residence of this family near Windsor introduced him to the acquaintance of several great and respectable characters in that neighbourhood; particularly Sir George Howard, who received, and may probably have preserved, many of his letters*.

His vice-chancellorship introduced him to the acquaintance of Lord North, then Chancellor of the University; a nobleman, who to a fine temper, and pleasant wit, had added such good principles and useful learning, that he found in Dr. Horne a person exactly suited to his own mind: and I suppose it owing to the united interest of Lord North and Lord Hawkesbury, that he was made Dean of Canterbury. When this happened, he would willingly have quitted

* I recollect in this place an accident which happened to one of his letters. He corresponded formerly with Mr. Price of Epfom, whose lady was the sister of Andrew Stone, Esq. By a mistake one of these letters fell into the hands of Mr. Stone; and it happened to contain some free remarks upon the lives and characters of courtiers. When this was lamented as an unfortunate circumstance, "No, no," said Mr. Price, "no misfortune at all—very proper those busy gentlemen in high life should see what learned men think of them and their situation."

his cares at Oxford, and taken up his residence in Kent, his native county; but that a friend, to whose judgment he owed respect, would not agree to the prudence of such a step. As for the Dean himself, worldly advantage was no object with him; he lived as he ought; and if he was no loser at the year's end, he was perfectly satisfied. This I know, because I have it under his own hand, that he laid up nothing from his preferments in the Church. What he gave away was with such secrecy, that it was supposed by some persons to be little; but after his death, when the pensioners, to whom he had been a constant benefactor, rose up, to look about them for some other support, then it began to be known who and how many they were. He complained to one of his most intimate friends, how much it was out of his way to discover such objects as were worthy and proper, because he descended so little into commerce with the world; yet, said he, let any body shew me, in any case, what ought to be done, and they will always find me ready to do it. So far as he knew, he did good; and often attempted it, when he could not know; which is more or less the case with every charitable man. The discernment of objects is the privilege of God alone; who yet doeth good unto all, where we know it not.

As often as he was at Canterbury, his time passed very pleasantly: he was in his native country: the families of the place and the neighbourhood shewed him the greatest respect, and were delighted with

his company and conversation : if he could have indulged himself, with prudence, as he wished to do, he would have fixed himself there for the remainder of his life : but he still submitted to the unsettled life of a pilgrim, between the two situations of his College and his Deanry : with every thing that lay between Oxford and Canterbury he was acquainted, and with little besides. In the year 1788 his constitutional infirmities began to increase upon him : “ I have been more than ever harassed (said he) this year, for four months past, with defluxions on my head and breast ; they have driven me to take the benefit of the Headington air, this charming season *, which by God’s blessing will enable me to get clear for the summer, I believe. But, as I grow older, I shall dread the return of winter. Do you know what could be done in the way of preservative ? My good friends of the Church wish me to continue here, and engage to do the business of the Midsummer Chapter, without me. I am urged to get once more upon a *horse*—as much like an ass as possible. Long disuse hath now been added to an original awkwardness : however, by keeping to a gentle pace, I shall avoid *going off*, as you remember it was my hap once to do, like a frog from a board.” The visiting of some watering-place, Brighthelmstone, or Ramsgate, for the benefit of sea-bathing, had often been of great service to him. But notwithstanding all that could

* The letter is dated May 20, 1788.

be done, he grew old faster than his years would account for, being now only in his fifty-seventh year; so that when a design was formed of making him a bishop, he felt himself by no means inclined to undertake the charge of so weighty an office; and it was not till after much reasoning with himself, that he was prevailed upon to accept it. I do not remember, that I ever took upon me, while this affair was depending, to throw in one word of advice, for it or against it; but rather that I left all things to work, as Providence should direct*. It was a sincere affliction to me, when I attended him at Norwich, to see how his limbs began to fail him. The Palace there is entered by a large flight of steps; on which he observed one day, "Alas, I am come to these steps, at a time of life, when I can neither go up them nor down them with safety." However, he resisted his infirmities with a degree of resolution. He accustomed himself to walk early in the garden by my persuasion; and assented to it, in his pleasant way, with these

* Very soon after the nomination of Dean Horne to the See of Norwich, a clergyman of that city calling upon a clergyman of the city of London, said to him, Report tells us that the Dean of Canterbury is to be our Bishop. Yes, said the London clergyman, so I hear, and I am glad of it, for he'll make a truly Christian Bishop.—Indeed! replied the other: well, I don't know him myself, being a Cambridge man; but, 'tis currently reported at Norwich that he's a Methodist.—The same clergyman, when he became acquainted with his Bishop, was much delighted with him; and afterwards lamented his death as a great loss to the Christian Church in general, and to the Diocese of Norwich in particular.

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words: "Mr. William (for so it had been his custom to call me for many years) I have heard you say, that the air of the morning is a *dram to the mind*: I will rise to-morrow and *take a dram*." That the faculties of his mind did not fail, in the way it was imagined, so long as he remained at Norwich, I could shew by the contents of the last letter he wrote to me, within a few weeks of his death; in which there is the same humour and spirit as had distinguished him in the prime of his life. That he was not subject to fits of weakness in his mind, I do not say: he could not persevere in a train of thought, as he used to do, but applied himself by short intervals; as his ability would permit; and in that way he could execute more than we should have expected from him, under his bodily infirmities. From two visits to Bath he had received sensible benefit, and was meditating a third, when I left him in the autumn of 1791, which he had been requested not to defer too long. At my departure from Norwich, he carried me in his coach about ten miles; and we conversed by the way on the subject of his charge, of which his mind was full, and which he was then beginning to print. When I had made him a promise to meet him during his next visit to Bath, he set me down at Lodden, and I betook myself to my horses. That moment will for ever dwell, like a black spot, upon the mind, in which we had the last sight of a beloved friend. After this parting I never saw him more. His company I can now seek only in his writings; which are almost my daily delight.

delight. His journey to Bath, contrary to the persuasion of his friends, was deferred too long. Yet he had still such remaining vigour in his mind, that he did not intend to make his visit to Bath an idle one; but selected from his manuscript Sermons a sufficient number to compose a volume, and took them with him, intending to employ a printer at Bath upon them. To this he was partly encouraged by an observation his good and affectionate lady had made upon him; from the experience of several years, that he never seemed to be so well as when he had printers about him; of which she had even then seen a striking example at Norwich. But, alas, while he was upon the road, he suffered a paralytic stroke, and, though very ill, finished his journey. Mrs. Horne after this wrote me a letter full of hope, that as the Bishop could walk to the pump-room daily, he would still recover: in consequence of which, I went with some courage to London, intending to go on from thence to Bath; but was informed as soon as I arrived in town, that he was not expected to continue many days: and the next day brought us the melancholy news of his death.

My worthy friend and pleasant companion, the Reverend Charles Millard his chaplain, was with him at Bath, and was witness to many affecting passages which happened toward his latter end. Bad as he was, if Mrs. Horne entered the room, he spoke to her with his usual cheerfulness; although a stupor commonly oppressed him, under which his mind wandered,

wandered, and his speech was confused : but from what could be understood, his thoughts were always at work upon some heavenly subject. When it was proposed that the Holy Communion should be administered to him by his chaplain, “ By all means, said he, you cannot do a better thing.” In this service he joined with great devotion, and when it was ended, “ Now,” said he, “ I am blessed indeed*.”

On the Friday before his death, while his house-keeper was in waiting by his bed-side, he asked her, on what day of the week the seventeenth day of the month would fall? She answered, on Tuesday. Make a note of that, said he, in a book : which, to satisfy him, she pretended to do. This proved to be the day on which he died—as quietly as he had lived. From this occurrence, a rumour got abroad, as if he had received some fore-warning of the time of his death. To this I can *say* nothing ; but I can *think*, without any danger of being mistaken, that if ever there was a man in these latter days, that was worthy to receive from above any unusual testimony due to superior piety, he was that man.

The affliction of his family was much relieved at this time by the friendly and charitable visits of the celebrated Mrs. Hannah More, who was then at Bath, and well knew how much was due to the memory of the departed Bishop.

* The letter of Mrs. Elizabeth Salmon, describing this scene, is well worth reading, and will be given in the Appendix.

One of his Lordship's chaplains attended him to his grave, and then returned in sorrow to Norwich : his other chaplain paid the tribute due to his memory in a plain monumental inscription. Both of them can unite in declaring, as they do with pleasure, that the loss to the Diocese of Norwich, and to themselves in particular, hath been repaired far beyond their expectations, in the person of their present Diocesan, the respectable and amiable successor of Dr. Horne. May his days be as long and as happy, in his present situation, as those of his predecessor were few and evil !

The inscription is upon the tomb where he was buried, in the church-yard at Eltham in Kent, the residence of his father-in-law Mr. Burton ; and the same is repeated upon a Tablet of Marble affixed to a pillar on the north side of the choir of the Cathedral Church at Norwich ; of which the following is a copy :

Sacred to the Memory of
The Right Reverend George Horne, D. D.
Many Years President of Magdalen College in Oxford,
Dean of Canterbury,
And late Bishop of this Diocese :
In whose Character
Depth of Learning, Brightness of Imagination,
Sanctity of Manners, and Sweetness of Temper
Were united beyond the usual Lot of Mortality.
With his Discourses from the Pulpit, his Hearers,
Whether of the University, the City, or the Country Parish,
Were edified and delighted.
His Commentary on the Psalms will continue to be

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A Companion to the Closet,
 Till the Devotion of Earth shall end in the Hallelujahs of Heaven;
 His Soul, having patiently suffered under such Infirmities,
 As seemed not due to his Years,
 Took its flight from this Vale of Misery,
 To the unspeakable Loss of the Church of England;
 And his surviving Friends and Admirers,
 January 17, 1792, in the 62d Year of his Age.

Thus have I brought this good man to his end, through the labours and studies of his life; in all which, his example may be attended with some happy effect on those who shall make themselves acquainted with his history. In writing it I have not permitted myself to consider, what suppressions or alterations would have rendered it more agreeable to some people into whose hands it may fall. As truth will generally succeed best in the end, I have made the story such as I found it. I have concealed nothing out of fear; I have added nothing out of malice; and must now commit what I have written to that variety of judgment, which all my other writings have met with.

Some slight reports have been thrown out, which, without such an explanation as I have in readiness, might be understood to the disadvantage of his memory. A short life of him was written in the year 1793, by the Reverend Mr. Todd, a clergyman of the Church of Canterbury, who has spoken very highly of him, but not above his character in any one respect. Yet some writer in a periodical publication could not content himself without making invidious comparisons, and insinuating to the public
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that Mr. Todd had been guilty of *exaggeration* ; but I may appeal to the feelings of the reader, whether it be not a worse mistake, in such a case as the present, to depreciate with an ill design than to exaggerate with a good one ; even supposing Mr. Todd to have done so, which to me doth not appear. I take Mr. Todd to be a man that loves the Bishop's writings ; and I take his censor to be a man that loves them not : and though I have enlarged on many things much farther from my own knowledge, than it was possible or proper for Mr. Todd to do, I would nevertheless advise my readers to consult his account, which I believe to be very accurate in respect of its *dates*, and in the titles, and the particular circumstances which gave occasion to the several pieces, which were written by Dr. Horne, at the different stages of his life.

It has been hinted to me that Dr. Horne had embraced a sort of philosophy in the early part of his life, which he found reason to give up toward the latter end of it. Before it can be judged how far this may be true, a necessary distinction is to be made. I do not recollect, that his writings any where discover a professed attachment to the Hebrew criticisms of Mr. Hutchinson ; and I could prove abundantly from his private letters to myself that he was no friend to the use of such evidence either in philosophy or divinity. But that he ever renounced or disbelieved *that* Philosophy, which asserts the true *agency* of nature, and the respective uses of the *elements*, or that he did not

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always admire, and so far as he thought it prudent insist upon it and recommend it, is not true. And I need not here appeal to any of his private letters, because some of his most serious and premeditated compositions assert this in terms sufficiently plain and strong. In his Commentary on the last Psalm he shews us what idea he had formed of the natural world. On the words, *Praise him in the firmament of his power*, he has the following comment: “ which
 “ power is more especially displayed in the formation
 “ of the firmament, or expansion of the material
 “ heavens, and their incessant operations by means
 “ of the light and the air, of which they are composed,
 “ upon the earth and all things therein. These are
 “ the *appointed instruments* of life and motion in the
 “ natural world, and they afford us some idea of that
 “ *power of God* unto salvation, which is manifested
 “ in the Church by the effects produced on the souls
 “ of men, through the gracious influences of the
 “ *light* divine, and the *spirit* of holiness, constituting
 “ the firmament of God’s power in the *new creation*.”

In this passage it is the author’s doctrine, that the *firmament* signifies the *substance* of the material heaven; and that this substance is composed of *light* and *air*. And farther, that these are the appointed *instruments of life and motion* in the natural world: that they give us an idea of the *power* of God, who acts in the œconomy of grace by the *divine light and spirit*, the Son and Holy Ghost, as he acts in nature by the operation of the *air* and *light* upon all things; and
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that thus the two kingdoms of grace and nature are similar in their constitution, and confirm one another. In this doctrine, the doctrine of a philosophy which the world does not generally receive, the author of the Commentary persevered to the last day of his life. And why should he not, when it is palpably true? Whoever asserts the agency of nature, and the offices of the elements as here described, need be afraid of no contradiction: he stands upon a rock, and has all nature to support him; and the long experience of mankind, however it may lose itself in the endless mazes of chemistry, and leave what is useful, to hunt after what is new, does yet all tend to confirm this universal principle, that matter acts upon matter, and that the world and all things therein are moved, sustained, and animated, by the agency of the heavens upon the earth. The persuasion was once almost universal in this country, that matter is invested with attraction, repulsion, and gravitation, as *immaterial* principles: but this persuasion hath very much abated of late years; and it should never be forgotten, that Newton himself left the question open. It was indeed once thought that the motion of a secondary planet, or satellite, was a case which demonstrated the necessity of attraction: but since that time, the phenomena of electricity have taught us, that æther can act from an opaque body as from a luminous one; and therefore, that the same element may move both the primary and secondary: of which discovery philosophers had no conception when gravity first came

into fashion. Our Royal Society have therefore expressed a disposition to admit such a cause of motion, if it can be reasonably applied to the case. Sir John Pringle recommended it to be examined whether there be not a *certain fluid* acting as the *cause of gravity*, and of the various *attractions*, and of the *animal and vital motions*: and it has been argued by other members of the society concerning the solar system, as if it were *now* more apparent than heretofore, that an æther is dispersed through all space; which gives to bodies a tendency from its *denser* to its *rarer* parts. In this the followers of Newton and Hutcheson are now so nearly agreed, that it is pity science should suffer by any of their disputes, or that the name of any person should be held in contempt upon that account, particularly of so excellent a person as Dr. Horne. Why this good man should be reported to have renounced what Newton himself, if he had seen what we have seen, would probably have adopted and carried on in his superior way, I cannot understand. Therefore I distinguish once more, that the philosophy which Dr. Horne professed, did not depend on doubtful interpretations of the scripture, but was confirmed by reason and experience, as it was argued in his state of the case between Newton and Hutcheson; from which he never departed, and from which no sensible man could depart. In philosophy, thus *defined* and *limited*, he and I were always of a mind. Of myself I will say but little; and that little should have been omitted, if I had not.

not been forced upon an explanation, which I did not expect. For the proof of such a system of nature as Newton was not averse to, I published a large quarto volume, above seven hundred copies of which are dispersed about the world; and there must be learned and ingenious men to whom the thing is not unknown. Against some particulars there may be weighty objections; but against the *general plan*, I never yet saw one, that would trouble me for five minutes to answer it. Yet it does not follow, that people will see as we do. Where things have a new appearance, the world must have time; and the author who proposes them must wait with patience, and bear with every kind of opposition and defamation; the latter of which is never to be understood as an unpromising symptom: for it shews that an adversary is in distress, when he answers any thing, in such words, as will equally answer every thing. From the books of Foreigners I learn, that attraction and repulsion are not in such estimation as they were fifty years ago. And at home, the ingenious Mr. George Adams, who has been a student and practitioner in Natural Philosophy for more than twenty years, has found it necessary to adopt the new agency of nature, and has made his use of it through the whole course of a large work, which may be considered as an Encyclopædia in Natural Philosophy, taking a larger circuit than has yet been attempted by any writer upon the science. Other ingenious men may in time (as I am confident they will) follow

his example; till it shall be no longer thought an honour to Dr. Horne that he *renounced* this Philosophy, but that he did *not* renounce it.

If the reader will not be displeased with me I will tell him a secret, which he may use as a key to decypher some things not commonly understood. Between that philosophy which maintains the agency of the heavens upon the earth, and the religion revealed to us in the Bible, there is a *relation*, which renders them *both* more credible. By a person with the Christian religion in his mind, this philosophy is more easily received; and if any one sees that this philosophy is true in nature, he will not long retain his objections against Christianity: but here is the difficulty; *he* will never begin, who resolves never to go on. But of any reasonable person, whose mind is still at liberty, let us ask, why it should be thought a thing incredible, that the creation of God should confirm the revelation of God? By which I would be understood to mean—that the world which we *see* should be a counterpart to the world of which we have *heard*, and in which we *believe*. Many in this age see the force of that great argument in favour of Christianity, which is drawn from the analogy between the kingdom of Nature and the kingdom of Grace, and admire it above all other things. Dr. Horne in particular had such an opinion of it, and conceived such hopes from it, that he used to say, if Priestley should ever become a believer in the doctrine of the Trinity, it would be from the Hutchinsonian

sonian philosophy. To such a declaration as this, which the reader may depend upon, I can add nothing better, or more to the purpose, than a passage, from one of his manuscripts, concerning the religious use that may be made of Mr. Hutchinson's writings; and I am persuaded he persevered to the day of his death, in the opinion there delivered. The passage is as follows:

“ Cardinal Bellarmine wrote a small treatise, intitled, *De ascensione mentis in Deum per scalas rerum creatarum*, which he valued more than any of his works, and read it over continually with great pleasure, as he says in the preface to it. A work of that kind may be done in a far better and more complete manner, by the key Mr. Hutchinson has given, than has ever yet been done, and the natural and spiritual world made to tally in all particulars. Such a work would be of standing use and service to the Church, and be a key to Nature and the S.S. teaching all men to draw the intended instruction from both. For this purpose, the S.S. should be read over, and the texts classed under their respective heads; and in reading other books, all just applications of natural images should be extracted from them, particularly where there are any good divisions of an image into its parts and heads, as much will depend on method and regularity. For the blessing of God on such an undertaking, without which all will be in vain, the Fountain of all wisdom and Father of lights is humbly and fervently to be implored, to enlighten the under-

standing, and purify the heart, that it may be counted worthy, through the merits of the dear Redeemer, to understand the mysteries of the new creation shadowed by the old, and explained in the S.S. of eternal truth, and be enabled to declare it to the people unadulterated with any private imaginations, to the glory of God, the edification of the church, and his own salvation."

On the other hand, there are in this age philosophical opinions, in which infidelity triumphs: and certain it is they have too plain an affinity to the atheistical doctrines of Epicurus and Democritus, if they are not the same thing; and therefore such an evil-minded wit as Voltaire caught at them with eagerness. He foresaw how, with a little of his management, they might be turned against all religion, and lead to the abolition of all divine worship: he therefore strained every nerve to magnify and recommend them: his industry in this respect was wonderful; and we find, by fatal experience, how far it has answered his purpose. The Philosophers of France have now seated themselves upon the clouds, from whence they look down with contempt upon every degree of Christian belief:—considering even Newton himself as an example of the *weakness of human nature* for believing the Scripture! Where will this end?

There is another report against the name of our good Bishop, which wants explanation. The learned adversary of the amiable Bishop Hurd, and of the Reverend Mr. Curtis of Birmingham, and the friend

of Dr. Priestley, a judge of all men and of all things, took occasion, soon after the death of Bishop Horne, to give us *his* character of him, in a note to a book he was then publishing; in which note many things are said well, and like a scholar: but there is one thing which, though well said, is not just to the Bishop's memory; who is there reported to have *diffused a colouring of elegance over the wild, but not unlovely, visions of enthusiasm**. Where could the gentleman find

* The Socinian notion of *enthusiasm* being a curiosity which deserves to be known, I shall give it to the reader in this place. I have a book before me, published by a Mr. E——n in the year 1772: a man who seems no natural fool, but has made himself much worse than one through a conceit of superior Christian wisdom. He delivers it to us as a doctrine of the orthodox, that “if our belief were not attended with some *difficulties to our reason*, there would be no merit in our believing;” and then adds, “such men I shall not scruple to call enthusiasts; and to argue the case with them, would be like trying to convince the poor straw-crowned monarch of Bethlehem—who is a king, because he *knows* he is a king.” This gentleman tells us his mind fairly and plainly, for which we are obliged to him: but now let us try by his rule the faith of our Father Abraham. He believed in his old age, that his seed should be as the stars of heaven, from a wife that was barren; and this is the belief which was accounted to him for righteousness. Here the reason and experience of all mankind were contrary: against hope he believed in hope: here were not only *difficulties to reason*, but an actual impossibility to reason. The promise might have been given before, while Abraham was young: but it pleased God to defer it till he was old, when reason could not receive it; and from this circumstance only his faith was meritorious. No, says the Socinian; this man, by my rule, was an *enthusiast*, no more to be argued with than the monarch of bedlam, &c.

find these *wild visions*? In the state of the case between Newton and Hutcheson, the author argues from the words of each, and confirms what he says by fact and reason. The whole is written with the utmost coolness of temper, and without once appealing to any ambiguous evidence. In his sermons, his sense is strong, his language sweet and clear, his devotion warm, but never inflated nor affected: and from the editions through which they pass, it is plain the world does see, and will probably see better every day, that they are not the discourses of a varnisher of visions. In his Commentary on the Psalms, he has followed the plan of the writers of the New Testament, and of the Primitive Church, in applying them as prophecies and delineations of the person of Christ and of the Christian œconomy. If he is judged to have betrayed any enthusiasm in *so* doing, it is only because he happened to write in the eighteenth century; when Christian learning, under the notion of improving it, is greatly corrupted; the Fathers of the Church but little known*, and less relished; and the zeal and
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What the mind of that man can be made of, who receives the Scripture as the word of God, and denies that *faith* has merit in admitting what is attended with *difficulties to reason*, it is as hard for me to understand, as it is for him to receive the Articles of the Church of England; and yet, if he has spoken of himself truly, I cannot deny the fact: and as this man is but a pattern of other Socinians, I do suppose it to be the opinion of them all, that the proper act of *faith* in a Christian is an act of *enthusiasm*.

* I was therefore pleased with a seasonable attempt to revive the
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piety of the Reformation very much abated. Erasmus was just such another enthusiast in his divinity as Dr. Horne; and is frequently found to have diffused a like colouring of elegance over like interpretations of the Scripture: in which, however, he is not always either so elegant, or so successful, as the late Bishop his follower: yet for this, in the days of better divinity, when *faith* and *piety* were more in fashion, Erasmus was never reputed an enthusiast. A little warmth of *devotion* is very excusable in a Christian writer; and, we apprehend, that a very strong conviction of the wisdom and excellence of Christianity is necessary to the making of a good divine—Οὐ δὲ μείλιως κενύνημενον ἀπ[ε]δαι.

When a man of learning censures without justice, he opens a door for the free remarks of others upon himself: but I search not into the gentleman's writings, for any examples of severity, scurrility, adulation, perplexity of principle, smoke and smother, pedantry and bombast; let others look for such things, who take delight in finding them. For my own part, I would rather wish that my learned friend, when he is throwing his fine words about, would consider a little beforehand, how unworthy it may

reading of the Christian Fathers, by the Rev. Mr. Kett, in the Notes and Authorities subjoined to the second edition of his very useful and learned Bampton Lectures, p. iii. where he recommends to the Ecclesiastical Student a Selection from the writings of the Greek and Latin Fathers. I could add other names and other pieces; but those he has mentioned are very sufficient.

be found, to attempt to lessen in any degree the good effect of such a character as that of Dr. Horne upon the Christian world, in its present declining condition and dangerous situation: and how much more it would be for his honour to use the eloquence he is master of, rather in promoting than in hindering its influence. He knows too much of the world to be ignorant, that in this age, when so many counterfeits are abroad, when some are so wild, and others so squeamish, no wound is so cruel upon a religious man, as the imputation of a wild enthusiastic fancy: that is wantonly imputed by the *vicious* and the *ignorant*, to unexceptionable persons, only because they have a little more religion than themselves: and if such persons have made it their business to be deep in the Scripture, they will always be in danger from those who are not so. Heathens accused the first Christians of *atheism* and *sacrilege*, because they would not worship *idols*; and abused them as *haters of mankind*, only because they avoided *evil communications*, and refused to be *conformed to this world*. Voltaire had no name for the Christian *faith*, but that of *superstition* or *fanaticism*. There is a very useful and judicious dissection of *enthusiasm*, by Dr. Horne himself, the best I ever met with, just published in a compilation by a society for a *reformation of principles*, which if gentlemen will condescend to examine, they may be better able to distinguish properly betwixt those who *are* enthusiasts and those who are *called* so.

All good men are walking by the same way to the same end. If there are any individuals, who by the shining of their light render the path more plain and pleasant, let us agree to make the *most* we can of them, and be *followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*

THE END.



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*The last Letter of the Reverend Robert Wilbourne,
Rector of Wendlebury in Oxfordshire.*

[Referred to p. 45.]

Dear Jones,

YOU make it a doubt, whether I am a
letter in your debt, or you in mine. This is a gentle
rebuke for my silence; for so I must take it, conscious
as I am of my own default; and yet excusable, if fre-
quent returns of pain and sickness may plead in my
behalf. In these circumstances I have been as it were
oblitus meorum for some months, and am therefore
the more obliged to you for not applying to me the
latter part of the sentence. In the month of July,
had I not been prevented by a very bad fit of the
stone, I was engaged to have been at ———, not
without some hopes of seeing you: but it was not to
be so: they now tell me I must, and I find it necessary
to keep as quiet as I can. Arrived as I am at the age
of man, I do not presume upon much time to come,
My chief concern now is to make such an exit as my
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friends would wish me ; which, by the grace of God, and their prayers, and my own, I hope to do. The manuscript you speak of, as you seem to set a value upon it more than it deserves, I thought to have redeemed with a fair copy ; but as I am now not likely to do so, you may keep or destroy it as you please. The heavy expence of your late removal must I think disable you from proceeding to your degree, so soon as you intended. If his Grace of Canterbury considers his own bounty as the impediment, he cannot do less than grant you a faculty from Lambeth. If I should see our Archideacon Potter, as I hope to do in October, I shall give him a broad hint to that purpose. Wishing you health and prosperity, with my best respects to Mrs. J. I am, dear sir,

Most affectionately yours,

Wendlebury, Sept. 7,
1764.

ROBERT WELBOURNE.

This was followed, in the month of December afterwards, by a letter from Mr. Horne, which gives a very affecting account of this good man's death.

“ OUR good old friend, Robertus Wendleburienfis, took his leave of this world about five weeks ago. His disorder was in the bowels, through which he had no passage for ten days. But it was effected by putting him into a warm bath, and he was brought back from the gates of death ; at which he expressed some regret, as having hoped that his pains and for-

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rows were at an end. But a relapse soon carried his weather-beaten vessel to its desired haven of rest and peace. He died in strong faith, lively hope, and perfect charity, having received the Eucharist from the hands of the Master of University College, who administered to him *in extremis*, and during his whole sickness. He desired that a little water might be mixed with the wine in the sacramental cup: and this was the only particularity. Large bundles of papers, bound up by himself for that purpose, were burnt, according to his order. A few Sermons were left to his Nephew, who was executor. He bequeathed his gold and silver medals to Mr. Gilpin, and some copper ones to Christ-Church. It is observable, that he had kept a most exact account of his expences from the time when he was eighteen years of age. He once lent 1000*l.* to Dr. —, which, as he took no security for it, he lost by the Doctor's death, both principal and interest. He ordered scarves, rings, hatbands and gloves, for the proper persons who attended his funeral. Thus we must leave the body of our friend in the dust, and his spirit in the bosom of faithful Abraham, waiting for the happy day of their reunion and glorification."

The manner in which Dr. Horne treats this melancholy subject is so tender and affecting, that I shall here add another letter, which he wrote to another intimate friend, upon a like occasion.

To W. S.

12th Feb. 1788.

WE are all much affected by the melancholy tidings communicated in your letter. They are indeed such as I have expected to hear many times; but when they come, it seems as if one had never expected them in earnest. And yet, when the first feelings are over, we cannot be concerned for the person departed, but for ourselves only. Her sufferings were long and heavy, and, therefore, we cannot in reality be sorry to find she is released from them. For many years she was in the furnace, and it was more than usually heated. Melted down at length, and purged from dross, she is formed anew, a vessel for the heavenly temple, and does not now wish to have suffered less in the day of trial and probation. Let us copy her patience and resignation, which were truly exemplary, and prepare to follow in God's good time. Having paid the tribute of grief that is due, let us return, with fresh vigour, to the duties of life, and prepare to answer those calls, which our faith and our country, our church and our king will shortly, I think, make upon us all.

Another letter to the same, on another subject.

To W. S.

2d July, 1788.

IN reading Gibbon, I was astonished to meet with so much gross and vulgar obscenity, from the pen of a refined and elegant *historian* and *philosopher*;
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and had thoughts of stringing the passages together, and presenting them to the public. I did not much like the dirty work, and am therefore glad to be prevented by some one, who has done it with great gravity, in the Gentleman's Magazine for June, under the style of—"Selection from Mr. Gibbon's *learned and entertaining Notes*," &c.—Who the *late prelate* was, that used to talk *bawdry* in Greek, I know not, but think it must have been ———; for they do not always go together.—In the xlviiith chapter (the last of the fourth volume) Gibbon has displayed all his skill to expose church-polemics and churchmen, on the subject of the incarnation, and the different opinions and councils holden concerning it. He has taken great pains to investigate and state all the niceties and minutiae of the dispute (as indeed he had done before in the case of the *Logos* and the Trinity) and sets off, as if most seriously interested in the cause; his style more flowing than usual, and sometimes rising to a degree of sublimity, as if inspired by the subject. It would be worth your while, when you have two or three hours upon your hands, to read over the two chapters, as they stand by themselves, detached from the civil history, and form a sort of *whole* on those great and much debated points of theology.—The story of the degenerate Greeks, the foolish emperors and profligate empresses, is tedious and tormenting to read; but the chapters on Arabia, Mahomet, the Saraccs, Caliphs, Crusades, Tartars and Turks, are very curious and informing; though

shocking to the imagination are the repeated carnage of the human race, and devastations of the globe, first by one set of savages and then by another. When to these you add the intestine quarrels and bitter animosities between the Greeks and Latins, till, at the last siege of Constantinople by the Turks, one of the Greeks in high station declared he had rather see a *Turk's turban* there than a *Cardinal's cap*—one really shuts the book, almost ready, with Charlotte Smith, to write an Ode to *Despair*.

As to Lindsey, as a writer, he is a poor creeping soul. I think I shall put down some strictures; but the worst is, one shall be involved by degrees in so many different controversies—nature and degree of *inspiration*, doctrine of *satisfaction*, our own *establishment*, *subscription* to articles, &c. *liturgy*, *episcopacy*, &c. for they are all lugged in—and now, besides the case of the *demoniacs*, the existence of any *devil* or *Satan* at all, which Lindsey denies plump. Another difficulty is that of obviating the sayings and examples of many latitudinarian protestants (thrown in our teeth) men otherwise of great note, and universally almost esteemed—some of our own church, that were or are Bishops, who have wished for a change of forms, &c. But however, the bold strokes of Priestley, Lindsey, &c. will let them see every day, more and more, the danger of innovation, and cure them, perhaps, of their disorder.

*Copy of Mrs. Salmon's Letter to her Sister, on the
Death of Bishop Horne.*

[Referred to p. 372.]

My dear Sister,

THIS morning, at 20 minutes past two o'clock, our dear *Lord* departed this life. He died, as he lived, a saint indeed. He had not been able for some days to express himself clearly; but yesterday, when Mr. Selby read prayers, he joined with him, and repeated the Lord's prayer with as much composure as ever he did in his life. After that he received the sacrament with my mistress and the ladies, Mr. Millard, Mr. Selby, Gilbert, and myself. And, when that was over, he said, "Now I am blessed indeed."—All was peace and joy and comfort within. He blessed us all severally, and thanked us for all we had done. Had you seen him bolstered up, blessing his children, and speaking comfort to his wife, in the hope and trust of their meeting again, you would never have forgot it. I am sure I never shall; nor do I wish it. We have reason to think that he did not suffer at last, as he went off without a groan, and has still a smile upon his face, as if he was alive. He is to be buried at Eltham. I can write no more, though I have more to say. Your good Master may like to hear how he departed. I hope you will read this to him, though it is scarcely to be understood. I cannot say more.

Yours affectionately,

E. SALMON.

CAUTIONS

TO THE

READERS of Mr. LAW.

[Referred to p. 73 and 160.]

FIRST. Either J. Behmen's scheme is *new revelation*, or an explanation of the *old*. If the *latter*, why is it wrapt up in such *mystic jargon*, never heard of in the Christian church before, and not given us in *Scripture language*, which is the only explainer of itself?—If the *former*, it is an *imposture* and *delusion*; for *extraordinary inspirations* are not to be credited, unless vouched by *miracles*, which God *always* sent to attest his *extraordinary commissions*: and if they are pretended to come from him, and *do not*, then it is a demonstration that they come from the devil, *transformed into an angel of light*. To equal the *imagination* of men to the *holy Scriptures of God*, and think them as much *the inspiration of God*, as what was dictated as such to the *holy Prophets and Apostles*, is strictly and properly ENTHUSIASM. This Mr. Law has done; for he says, he looks upon the writings of J. Behmen to be no more *human* than St. John's Revelation.

II. Mr. Law by *creation* will have nothing farther meant than the formation of the world out of *pre-existent matter*, contrary to the sense always put upon it by the Christian church. The *formation* is described

scribed step by step; but the *creation* in Gen. i. verse 1. must relate to the *production* of, or *giving being* to, the matter, in its dark and inform state. The consequence of Mr. Law's opinion must be, either that *matter*, though distinct from, is *co-eternal* with, God, which cannot be; or else, that it is an *emanation*, *generated* from his *substance* or *essence*, which is the abomination of *Platonism* brought into Christianity. The confounding *God* and *created nature* together is the essence of *Paganism*, and the foundation of all the errors in the *Heathen* and *Christian* world. The Scriptures are constantly guarding against it, and distinguishing *Jehovah* from what is only the *work* of his hands. *Eternal nature* is a *blasphemous contradiction*; for God only is *eternal*; he only has *being in himself*, and *gives* it to every thing else. *Nature* may be a *manifestation*, or *representation* of God, as a *picture* is of a *man*; but has no more connexion with his *substance* or *essence*, than that hath with its *original*, or the *painter* that drew it.

III. Mr. Law denies the *wrath* of God against sin. Now, that *wrath* in God is the same *weak* and *infirm passion* that is in *man*, no body will suppose. But that it produces *effects*, which the *image* of *wrath* executed by *man* is taken to give us an *idea* of, is a truth the Scriptures are full of from Genesis to Revelation. And it is described under all the *images* that are *dreadful* in nature; chiefly by that most dreadful of all, *fire*. *Our God* is a *consuming fire*. No one will suppose from this text, that God is really *material fire*;

but that his *justice, vengeance, wrath*, or whatever you please to call it, will have an *effect* upon *sinners*, that is *pictured* by the *effects* of *fire* upon *natural bodies*.

Nor can all the wit and invention of man get rid of those innumerable Scriptures that speak of the *wrath of God* to be executed upon a *sinful world*, under the lively *figure* and *representation* of it, *fire*; as any one may see, that will turn to the Concordance. Sure I am, that if these can be construed to mean, a *dark, fiery, whirling anguish* rising up and opening its birth in the *inward depth and ground of the soul*, there can be no *certainty* in words. The *lake of fire* or *hell* is not within but without the *sinner*; for he is to be *cast into it*. That *inward remorse, anguish* and *despair* make a *part* there is no question; but they are not the *whole*.

IV. But there is a *consequence* that follows this notion of *no wrath of God against sin*, and strongly insisted upon by Mr. Law, which shakes the foundation of Christianity, viz. that Christ did not die to *propitiate* or *appease* that *wrath*: that he did not die as a *sacrifice* in *our stead*. This demolishes the doctrine of a *vicarious satisfaction* for sin, made *outwardly* upon the cross, by the *blood* of him, who being *God* could give it *infinite merit*, to satisfy *infinite justice*; and being *man* could make the satisfaction in the *same nature* in which the *sin* that required it was *committed*.

Mr. Law says, God is love. True. But is he not *justice* and *truth* as well as *love*? Had not *Truth* said, *The soul that sinneth, it shall die*? And did not

Justice require the *execution* of that *sentence*? God is not only *just*, but *justice* itself; and *justice* cannot remit the *least farthing*; else it were not *justice*. God's attributes must not *fight with* or *conquer* and *subdue* one another. On the contrary, they magnify and exalt one another. Thus his *justice* is magnified, in that it exacts *full* and *adequate satisfaction*; his *wisdom* is magnified, in *finding out* such *means* to make it; his *mercy* and *love*, in *affording* those *means* and *fulfilling* all his *promises* in him, in whom *mercy* and *truth* thus met together, *righteousness* and *peace* *kissed each other*. The *inward application* of this *satisfaction* made outwardly by the blood of Christ, shed upon the cross, to the *heart* of every believer, by the hand of *faith* for its *justification*, with the *sanctification* that accompanies it, by the *water* flowing with the *blood*, to a *new birth* and *life* of *righteousness* from the *death* of *sin*, is doubtless the great *end* and *intent* of *Christianity*; as much as *taking a medicine* is the *end* and *intent* of its being *given*. But the *Gospel preached* and *read*, and the *sacraments administered* in the *Church*, are the *instruments appointed* to work all this, by the power of the *spirit* that goes *with them* as *channels* into the *heart* of every *believer*. But if, *before* he has received the *grace* of Christ by these which are the *only* appointed means of receiving it; or if, instead of *going on* with *humility* and *diligence* in *searching the Scriptures of God*, a person is to *shut himself up* and *search* the *inward depth and ground* of his *heart*, what will he find there but the *devil*, ready to take advantage of his

his having left his *only guide*, and *transforming himself into an angel of light*, under the disguise of great flights of *devotion* and *illumination*, to insil his *diabolical* suggestions, and lead the *deluded* soul, *blindfold*, and thinking herself safe in the hands of the *spirit of God*, to deny and write against the *satisfaction* and *atonement* made for her sins by the *blood* of her *Redeemer*? For by these very means have we seen one of the brightest stars in the firmament of the Church (Oh! lamentable and heart-breaking sight!) falling from the *heaven of Christianity* into the sink and complication of *Paganism*, *Quakerism*, and *Socinianism*, mixed up with *chymistry* and *astrology*, by a *possessèd cobbler*: and alas, when a man comes to *forsake the Bible*, and write against its *doctrines*, what matters it whether it is done by the *light of nature*, the *light within*, or the inspoken word? *Believe not*, therefore, good people, *every spirit*, whispering to your soul in a fit of *quietism*, but *try the spirits*, by the *Bible*, *whether they are of God*. Keep to *that*, and let your *faith*, *hope*, *love* and *devotion* rise as *high* as they will. The *higher* the *better*.

V. As to the *angelical world*, *glassy sea*, &c. it is a mere *romance* without the least countenance from holy Scripture; nor does he, I think, produce above a text or two, by way of proof. The holy Scriptures tell us, the world was *good* at the finishing of it, but by the devil came *sin*, the parent of all *evil*, *natural* and *spiritual*—that Christ came to redeem us from it all, to *satisfy* for our *sins*, to *raise* our souls to *righteousness*,

ousness, by his spirit here, and to glorify us, *body* and *soul*, hereafter. This scheme is complete, without searching after the state of the chaos, before it was in being, or fancying this world to be the *ruins of the angelical*, as William Whiston did it was the *tail of a Comet*. The same is to be said of the notion of *Adam* cased up in *spiritual materialities*, one over another, like the coats of an onion. How many of these he had, Mr. Law does not seem sure, giving different accounts in different books. Instead of inventing *hypotheses* concerning the *nature of paradise*, let us study the *way* that led the *penitent thief* into it, repentance and faith in a Saviour on the cross, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

VI. Mr. Law is very *lax* and *latitudinarian* with regard to the *government* and *discipline* of the Church, which though (as he says) it will not *save* a man, yet, is absolutely *necessary*, to preserve those *doctrines*, that *will*. A *hedge* round a *vineyard* is, in *itself*, a poor paltry thing; but *break it down*, and *all they that go by*, will *pluck off her grapes*. And no sin has been punished with heavier punishments, for that reason, than throwing down *fences* and making it *indifferent*, whether a Christian be of any church or *none*, so he be but a Christian, and have the *birth* of the *inspoken word*, which is a *Pope* in every man's heart. But if Christ left a *Church* upon earth, and ordered submission to the *appointed governors* of it, so far as a man *resists* or *undervalues* this ordinance of Christ, so far he acts not like a *Christian*, let his *inward light* be

be what it will. In the same manner, I think, he is injudicious in condemning *all human* writings, commentators, &c. because people are divided through the multiplicity of them. All human learning, that tends not to the knowledge of God, deserves the censure he bestows in a very masterly manner. But how are we to understand the holy Scriptures, and be able to teach and explain them to others, without a knowledge of the languages in which they are written? And towards this, the labours of the faithful servants of God, who have gone before us, cannot but be of great service. And therefore, I see not why time is not as well spent, in the writings of the noble army of *saints*, and *martyrs*, and *confessors*, as in those of *J. Behmen*, and much better than in searching for truth in the *inward depth* and *ground of the heart*, which is indeed, we see, *deceitful above all things*. *Who can know it?*

*Copy of a Letter to a Lady on the subject of Jacob
Behmen's Writings.*

[See p. 74.]

Madam,

April 8th, 1758.

THOUGH your letter did not give me all the satisfaction I had hoped for, yet I find in it several hints, for which you are much to be honoured; and (to say the truth) I never met with a person, who, after diving into those matters with which you are at present engaged, did yet possess such a spirit of humility, and remain so open to conviction. Being therefore persuaded you have no disposition to reject the truth, provided I can make it appear to you, and I have no temptation (God is my witness) to offer you any thing else instead of it, I have resolved to address myself more closely to the subject in question; for till we descend to particulars, but little good can be expected from general objections, easily obviated by as general answers; and perhaps after all, the real merits of the cause have not been brought into consideration.

I am ready to join issue with you, that if J. Behmen was *not inspired*, he must either have been a *hypocrite* or a *madman*; and that his writings are utterly to be *rejected* by every sober Christian. You have shewn your judgment, Madam, in thus bringing the whole matter to a single point: for now there is only one question to be settled; and as you suspect me of taking up with false reports of your author, I shall

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not be content with any report at all ; but set down his own words or refer to their place where I have occasion to speak of his doctrines.

You argue for the probability of his inspiration from those words of St. Peter, Acts ii. 17. which, if you examine the place, will appear to have been applied, not to any future inspirations at some distance of time, near to the dissolution of the world ; but to the present event then brought to pass : “ THESE, says he, are not drunken, as ye suppose ; but THIS IS *that which was spoken by the prophet Joel ; it shall come to pass in the last days, &c.*” where it is plain St. Peter applies these words of the Prophet to the miraculous gifts of the spirit at the time then present. He does not indeed confine the gifts of the spirit to that time and season only ; yet his words give us no ground to expect any extraordinary effusions towards the conclusion of the world. How this affair is, and what we are really to look for, must be learnt from some other passages.

The error, I presume, arises from a misunderstanding of that phrase, *the last days*, which are taken for *these* days and this age, when things are drawing apace to their latter end. But, Madam, the Scripture has divided the ages of the world into three grand periods ; the first of which is called *the Beginning*, whose date begins at the creation, and takes in all the generations till the establishment of the law of Moses : as where Christ says, “ From the *beginning* it was not so.” Matt. xix. 8. Mark, xi. 6. The second is called the
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Old Time, or the Time of the *Law*, when the people of God were under the elements of the world, and the *oldness* of the letter. The third and last period is the time of the *Messiah*, when the law was fulfilled, and *all things became new*: and this period from its first commencement to its conclusion is meant by the *latter days*, the *last time*, &c.

After this rule the blessed Apostile thus expresseth himself, Heb. ix. 26. *But now once in the END of the world hath He (Christ) appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.* If we should here attend only to the sound of an expression, without comparing the Scripture with itself to attain its sense, we might as well expect that Christ should *appear* again in *these days* to put away sin, as to expect another miraculous effusion of the spirit from those words alleged by St. Peter, wherein the *last days* are spoken of: for, as it is here said, “In the *end* of the world he *hath* appeared,” so is it in the other place—He *hath* shed forth this which ye see and hear. And this abundantly confirms what I have advanced, that the words in question belonged to an event not *now* to be *expected*, but *then accomplished*.

If we are desirous to know, in what posture the Christian Church should be toward the end of the world (in the sense in which we commonly understand that phrase) that is, toward the second advent of *Christ*, we shall discover a face of things very different from what those words of the prophet *Joel* have described to us: for these days, Madam, are not to
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be distinguished by the wisdom or holiness of those who live in them, but, on the contrary, by their abominable ignorance and wickedness. The light of GOD is to be almost extinguished and his lamp going out in the Temple at that midnight wherein the bridegroom cometh; and false delusive lights are to rise up instead of it. Why else is it said, 2 Theff. ii. 3. *That day shall not come, except there come a falling away first?* And again, that *when the Son of Man cometh, he should not find faith on earth*; for that *false Christs and false prophets*, called in another place (1 Tim. iv. 1.) *seducing spirits, speaking lies in hypocrisy*, should arise with such seeming pretensions as should be sufficient almost to *deceive the very elect*: and that these deceivers should multiply so abundantly, that, for the sake of some few, GOD in mercy would cut short the days, lest a total corruption should take place?

Our blessed Saviour is particularly earnest with us on this subject, bidding us beware, for that he has *told us before*, that some should be enticing us into the fields and deserts, others into the *secret chambers*, &c. so that ignorance cannot be our excuse if we are *led away with the error of the wicked, and fall from our own steadfastness*.

So little encouragement is there to expect new lights and revelations in these times, that, on the contrary, if any man now pretends to be *some great one*, sent from GOD to enlighten the world, we are to suspect him for one of these Impostors: and as J. Behmen

men has assumed such a character, the probability lies strongly against him, even before we examine his credentials.

There is another thing you will readily grant : that, supposing any such deceiver should arise, with his books written at the instigation of *Satan*; I say *supposing* such a thing, there would be all the reason in the world to expect a considerable mixture of sanctity, temperance, humility, abstraction from the world, and other the like virtues : his writings would else stand no chance to *deceive the elect*; who are not to be ensnared by open vice and bare-faced immorality, but only with high pretences to the contrary. Hence it is, that the ministers of Satan never appear with their proper colours, but *transformed as the ministers of RIGHTEOUSNESS* (2 Cor. xi. 15.) even as their master himself was into an *angel of light*; and in this shape, as a great and good man has observed, the *Devil is most a Devil, because he can most deceive*. The fact has always been as I am representing it; for if any Heretic started up in the Primitive Church, it was ever with some pretences to superior holiness, mortification, giftedness, spirituality, &c. that his personal character might raise the admiration of unwary men, and so make way for the most pernicious and diabolical errors in points of faith. The Scriptures give us some instances, such as *abstaining from meats*, and *forbidding to marry*; to which others might be added from ecclesiastical history. The impostor is never content either with the ordinary

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knowledge, or the ordinary *fruits* of the Gospel; but would far exceed them, and outstrip the practical attainments of all other Christians; the best of whom he will condemn, as *Sodomites, fatted Swine, Shepherds of Babel, Mouth Apes*, which, with innumerable others of the same cast, are the lamb-like phrases of Jacob Behmen. So that if you should find a contempt for the vanity of the world, humility, charity, and other great and shining virtues strongly recommended, this is by no means to be allowed as a test either of the divinity of his commission, or the truth of his preaching. For these are the *feigned* words (2 Pet. ii. 3.) with which he makes merchandize of unstable souls, turning their ears from the truth, that they may be turned unto fables: and if many were led away with such devices, even in those early days, when the *love* of Christians did even astonish infidels, when a spirit of martyrdom flourished, and the preaching of the apostles yet founded in the Church; what wonder is it, if many should be ensnared by them in these dregs of time, when the love of many is waxed cold, and the truth of God is in general *evil spoken of* throughout the world?

These reflexions I have set down as preliminaries: they are intended as a sprinkling of water to lay any little dust that may have been raised for the deceiving your eye-sight; and they are offered to a person whose good sense and discernment will immediately see, and I have reason to think as readily acknowledge, the truth of them.

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The probability then, it seems, as to the affair of inspiration, is against the writings of J. B. Such things are not *now* to be expected, but the contrary. How the fact is in itself, we are in the next place to consider; and there is but one method of doing it to any purpose, which is this: There is a word of revelation before us, and we all agree that it was *given by inspiration of God*. Whatever therefore is false, *this* must be true; *so* true, that it is the test and standard of all truth upon earth. Every thing that opposes this word of truth must be a *lie*; and he that delivers is a *liar*. If he pretend to have received it of God, is so much the worse; for then it is not only a lie but a *blasphemy*, and he himself is a blasphemer, because he makes the spirit of truth the author of his lies. What J. B. has written must be judged of by this rule, and received or rejected as it shall be found to agree with it.

And first let us take a view of his style and method in general, which is not at all like that of the Scripture, but the reverse of it; for the Scripture is clear and uniform in its language, as coming all of it from the same author, and addressing itself to the capacity of all mankind. Even where it is most obscure, as in the visions of Ezekiel, and the Revelation of St. John, it borrows ideas from the things that are before us, and takes the visible objects of the natural creation to express and delineate what is unknown or invisible: that if you have obtained its meaning in one case, you will be able to unriddle it in every other case of

the same sort : whence arises the great usefulness and necessity of *comparing spiritual things with spiritual*, that is, the Bible with itself, in order to comprehend them. But how different from all this is the style of J. B. ! His ideas are rarely taken from nature, but in general from the dark science of Alchemy, in which he had dabbled till his brain was turned : hence it is that we find so much about *ether, spirit, matrix, genitrix, essence, quintessence, essence of essences, tinctures, extracts, barbsness, sourness, bitterness, attraction, fire-breaths, sugar of hell, salt, sulphur, mercury*, and others of the like sort, so abhorrent from the Scripture, that the very sound of them is sufficient to frighten any man but a blacksmith out of his senses. If I guess right, Paracelsus was the father of this jargon : he held it no crime to deal with the devil for the advancement of medicine and chymistry ; and the chymical writers of succeeding times, after his example, have intermixed with their writings some of the highest mysteries of the Christian faith, veiled under the occult terms of their own wonderful science, to be understood only by adepts (such as Jacob calls *the children of the lily*) who, they pretended, were to be holy and pure from all spot of iniquity : so that your author, Madam, with all his mysteries is very far from being an original ; and in his style and method is so opposite to sacred Scripture, that his language must not be imputed to the same author by any person who has rightly considered *both*. But you tell me, “ *The words are his own, he says : the sense only* was

was *inspired*." And if he says this, he is not to be believed any way : for, in the first place, his inspired writings will then be like no other ; the prophets and apostles having SPOKEN (not *thought* only) *as the spirit gave them* UTTERANCE : and the whole sacred Scripture is not called the *sense* but the WORD of GOD ; because Christ and the Holy Ghost *spoke* it by the prophets, whose usual introduction is, *Thus SAITH the Lord*. Hence it is that the prophet *David*, speaking of his own *inspiration*, says, 2 Sam. xxiii. 2. "*His word was in my tongue*;" and again, in the xlvth Psalm, "*My tongue is the pen of a ready writer*." Whence it is manifest, that the inspiration from the spirit of GOD did, in fact, always extend to the *tongue*, and the *expressions* whether *spoken* or *written* : and there are weighty reasons why it cannot be otherwise ; but I have no room for them.

Secondly. If Jacob says this, he forgets himself, and is in two stories ; for, in his second book, concerning the *three principles*, chap. xxv. 51, he says, "We speak *not our own words*, but we *speak* in our knowledge and driving in the spirit that which is shewn us of GOD." Again, chap. xxv. 100, he tells us of "*the spirit that driveth his pen*:" and his *pen* could not be driven to *thought*, but only to *utterance* or *expression*. So that if what you have observed be true, that *the words are his own*, he says, then he has contradicted himself in terms, and that with regard to the first and great point of which he ought to satisfy us, viz. the reality of his *inspiration*, which

can receive but little honour from such inconsistencies. But the worst is, that he hath not only contradicted himself but the Scriptures; and that in many more instances than I can enumerate within the compass of a letter. You say, Madam, he has not added to the book, but only explained it; whereas it appears to me (from some things which perhaps have not yet fallen in your way) that he *contradicts* it, and has *added* many things to it; for he has set up doctrines expressly condemned by it, and has denied several of its most positive assertions.

In the piece above mentioned, which is the sum of all his doctrines, he preaches up “the regiment (rule or dominion) of the *stars and elements that driveth the body and soul of man*, chap. xviii. 25. But to make the *soul* of man subject to be driven by the influence of the stars, is no other than Idolatry and Paganism: it was this notion that introduced the vain science of *astrology*, and led the Heathen to worship the stars, as gods endued with the power of over-ruling the affairs of this lower world. But God warned his people against this doctrine; Jer. x. 2. *Learn not the way of the Heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven*: the same is repeated more than once in the law of Moses. And the contrary is again repeated by Jacob, chap. xx. 87. “O Cain, thy potent kingdom cometh not from God, but hath its *influence from the starry heaven*:” and again, *ibid.* “The rule and government of this world, *ALL* according to the *influence of the stars, not ordained of the Deity.*”

Deity." Which is doubly false : for the *government* established in the world is not from the *stars*, as he affirms ; but *the powers that be*, whether good or bad (for this was spoken of *Nero*) *are ordained of God*.

As for his *explaining* the book, let us take the following instance ; whence it will follow, that if he was inspired, St. John, who wrote the Revelation, certainly was not. The *seven golden candlesticks*, as *Christ* expounded their meaning in vision to Saint John, did signify the *seven churches* of Asia ; and the *seven stars*, the *angels* (that is, the bishops or chief rulers) of those churches. But Jacob, taking the matter into his hands, expounds them afresh, and says, chap. xx. 42, " The *seven golden candlesticks* are *his humanity*, the *seven stars* are *his deity* : " which two expositions, as they can no way be reconciled with each other, we need only compare, to detect the ignorance and impudence of this Impostor. From another passage we shall have the same conclusion, either against *him*, or against *Moses* and St. Paul. Chap. xi. 40, he says, " Adam looked upon the tree of knowledge, became infected by lust and *was undone* : and then, said the heart of God, *It is not good for him to be alone*." This throws the temptation of *Adam* quite into another order, and makes it arise from other causes than what God hath revealed to us ; for Adam gives this as the reason of his fall—*The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat*. Gen. iii. 12. [To which St. Paul referring assures us (1 Tim. ii. 14.) that

Adam was not deceived, but that *the woman*, being deceived, was in the transgression. This makes the woman to have been *first* in the order of the transgression, and also the immediate cause of *Adam's* falling after her example. But here Jacob puts in his negative. *Adam*, according to him, *was deceived*: and the *woman* was so far from being first in the order of the transgression, that the angelic man fell and *was undone*, before the woman was taken out of him: so that unless *Adam* was *deceived* and *not deceived*, and unless he was both first and last in the order of the transgression, then it must be allowed that Jacob Behmen was not inspired, or that *Moses* and *St. Paul* were not; for their doctrines cannot stand together: and here we are to remember, as it was observed above, that if this man was not inspired, and yet affirms that he is, while he is so often giving the lie to the spirit of God, he is not only a liar of the worst sort but a *blasphemer*.

You tell me, Madam, he has given no *new revelation*. So he says, indeed, that he *writes no new thing*: but what is that account of a *limbus*, or *matrix* of pre-existing matter, out of which the world was *generated*, *born*, and *at length created*? Chap. iv. What is that *heavenly flesh*, that *quintessence of the stars*, of which man's body was made, chap. x. 10, though God hath revealed to us, that he *formed man of the dust of the ground*? To which also *St. Paul* alluding says, *The first man is of the earth, earthy*. What, again, but a new revelation, is that strange story, that *Adam* should

Should have propagated an angelical host out of his own will, without pain, by awakening in himself the paradisiacal centre? Chap. x. 12. What is this centre? Have Moses or the prophets spoken of it? And are we not told that God said to Adam and Eve in their state of innocence, *Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth?* Again, did he learn that Adam had no entrails, stomach, or guts? Chap. x. 19. Yet in the perfect state of Adam, God bade him *eat* of the trees of the garden. Therefore, says Jacob, he must have *taken it into his mouth, and not into the body.* Surely, Madam, this is not to *explain* the book of God, but to *deny* it, and to reveal to us such wonderful stuff instead of it, as is not fit to be repeated or thought of. Yet these things, according to the author, are the *root and ground of the depth*; without allowing which he affirms we can know nothing at all. But if there are any *depths* here, I will be bold to say, they are the *depths of Satan*, without fearing any mischief from that profusion of threatenings and imprecations which this man hath bestowed, throughout his works, on all those who dare to gainsay his doctrines.

I might here add something upon his *Light of Nature*; which, as he has described it at large, is the great mystery of pagan enthusiasm, and the root of modern infidelity.—His *abominable pride*, where he says, *we*, meaning *himself* and the *spirit of God*; with his frequent boastings of high and unutterable *knowledge*, meaning such stuff as I have just now repeated;—

peated;—the foul venom of his tongue, in railing at the authority of the Church, and all Christian divines from the days of the apostles down to his own, without excepting any that I can yet find, unless it be some of the primitive Heretics, who were just such saints as himself; his *ridiculous and anti-scriptural interpretation of words*; for when the Gospel hath given us the important sense and interpretation of the name *Jesus*, “For he shall SAVE his people from their sins,” he goes to his deep language of nature, and declares with much pomp, that “*Je* is his *bumbling*, and the syllable *Sus* presseth aloft through all.” Chap. xxii. 76.—These and many other things I might expose at large: but as I am assured from your own words, and am satisfied from the whole spirit of your writing, that you have humility enough to *confess an error, when you are convinced of it*, I will not weary your patience with any farther observations on the writings of Jacob Behmen; but shall here conclude them, with heartily recommending you and my own poor endeavours to the grace and blessing of Almighty God.

You seem to take it ill that I *apprehended some danger for you*; which indeed I did more than I do at present: yet I rejoice, Madam, that any occurrence or any instrument, be it who or what it will, has taught you to despise the world, and stirred up in you a thirst after the wisdom of God. In this, go on and prosper: I heartily bid you God speed: and if you desire to learn the knowledge of divine mysteries for

for your edification and comfort in this vale of misery, there are ways and means, though the *well is deep*, by which, through God's blessing on your industry, much *living water* may be drawn out of it; and that without letting down into it the vessel of J. Behmen. If any mysteries of the Scriptures are rightly explained by him, (and it would be hard indeed, if with all his pretences he had not hit upon something) the same have also been explained by more sober men, and in a far better manner. An *English* reader need not be at a loss for the interpretation of the Scripture, so long as the writings of Bishop Andrews, Hall, Brownrig, and Leslie, and many others are current amongst us. These are some of the books I would humbly recommend to your reading. Andrews is a noble and profitable expositor: one of his sermons on the *Passion* is the greatest human composition extant on the subject: his discourses on Repentance and Humiliation, on the necessity of receiving the Holy Spirit, with the Way to distinguish his genuine Fruits, are all admirable. His Devotions breathe a most exalted spirit of piety, while they contain a complete body of the Christian mysteries. There are some English editions: but the best is from a Greek and Latin copy found among his papers after his death, all blotted and soiled with his tears. Brownrig has, among other excellent discourses, eight sermons on the *Transfiguration*, wherein the great mysteries of that part of our Saviour's history are unfolded with equal skilfulness and piety. Leslie, in his History of

Sin and Heresy, will lay open to you the whole *mystery of iniquity*, traced from the fall of *Lucifer* out of heaven, down to the modern heresies and blasphemies : and if you would see every false pretence to inspiration detected and exposed beyond a possibility of a reply, you may look into his pieces against the *Quakers*, with his preface on Antonietta Bourignon. His works are in two folios, easily to be met with.—For the *spiritual dispositions* no author exceeds Kempis in his Imitation of Jesus Christ. Dr. Cave's Lives of the Primitive Fathers is a book very useful and entertaining, necessary to give some notion of the primitive times, with that knowledge, spirit and discipline, which are now departed from amongst us.

There is one book more which I believe may be very acceptable ; and as you are already in possession of Bishop Hall, 'tis the last I shall mention ;—that is —Quefnel's Moral Reflexions on the New Testament : he has a great talent in speaking to the heart, and applying the history of the Gospel, so as to advance us in the spirit and practice of the Christian life. I had almost forgotten Mr. Wogan, the last able expositor which this Church has produced ; whose four volumes on the Proper Lessons are in the hands of many pious people, and are greatly recommended by those who make the Bible their study.

After all that can be said, the Holy Ghost himself is the best interpreter of his own writings ; and so boundless is the treasure therein contained, that the Scripture compared with itself will frequently open
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some things to the faithful enquirer, which no commentator will inform us of. But nevertheless, our weakness is obliged to call in the help of our brethren on several occasions; and though the Scripture be itself the *word of life*, yet it is profitably *held forth* to us by the hand of *man*, and placed on a candlestick, that they, which are in the house may see the light, and partake of its influences.

That this may ever be the fruit of all *your* reading, and that the light of GOD's Revelation may clear up all your doubts, and guide your feet through the paths of sound and wholesome doctrine into the way of eternal peace, is the sincere wish and prayer of,

Madam,

Your most obliged, &c. &c. &c.

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Having mentioned (p. 6 and 43) Dr. Horne's turn for poetical composition, the editor thinks the reader will not be displeased, if a few of his Poems are added for a specimen.

THE FRIEND.

I.

THE fastest friend the world affords.
Is quickly from me gone ;
Faithless behold him turn his back,
And leave me all alone !

II.

" My friend, sincerely yours *till death* :"
The world no farther goes ;
Perhaps, while *earth to earth* is laid,
A tear of pity flows.

III.

Be thou, my *Saviour*, then my *friend*,
In thee my soul shall trust,
Who false wilt never prove in death,
Nor leave me in the dust.

IV.

Home while my other friends return,
All solemn, silent, sad,
With thee my flesh shall rest in hope,
And all my bones be glad.

THE LEAF.

WE ALL DO FADE AS A LEAF.

Isa. lxiv. 6.

I.

SEE the leaves around us falling,
Dry and wither'd to the ground;
Thus to thoughtless mortals calling,
In a sad and solemn sound:

II.

Sons of Adam, once in Eden
Blighted when like us he fell,
Hear the lecture we are reading,
'Tis, alas! the truth we tell.

III.

Virgins, much, too much, presuming
On your boasted white and red,
View us, late in beauty blooming,
Number'd now among the dead.

IV.

Gripping misers, nightly waking,
See the end of all your care;
Fled on wings of our own making,
We have left our owners bare.

V.

Sons of honour, fed on praises,
Flutt'ring high in fancied worth,
Lo! the fickle air, that raises,
Brings us down to parent earth.

VI. Learned

VI.

Learned fophs, in systems jaded,
 Who for new ones daily call,
 Cease, at length, by us persuaded,
 Ev'ry leaf must have its fall!

VII.

Youths, tho' yet no losses grieve you,
 Gay in health and manly grace,
 Let not cloudless skies deceive you,
 Summer gives to Autumn place.

VIII.

Venerable fires, grown hoary,
 Hither turn th' unwilling eye,
 Think, amidst your falling glory,
 Autumn tells a winter nigh.

IX.

Yearly in our course returning
 Messengers of shortest stay,
 Thus we preach this truth concerning,
 "Heav'n and earth shall pass away."

X.

On the Tree of Life eternal,
 Man, let all thy hope be staid,
 Which alone, for ever vernal,
 Bears a Leaf that shall not fade.

AN ODE.

THE SENTIMENT FROM THE DIVINE HERBERT.

I.

SWEET day, so cool, so calm, so bright,
Bridal of earth and sky,
The dew shall weep thy fall to-night;
For thou, alas! must die.

II.

Sweet rose, in air whose odours wave,
And colour charms the eye,
Thy root is ever in its grave,
And thou, alas! must die.

III.

Sweet spring, of days and roses made,
Whose charms for beauty vie,
Thy days depart, thy roses fade,
Thou too, alas! must die.

IV.

Be wise then, Christian, while you may,
For swiftly time is flying;
The thoughtless man, that laughs to-day,
To-morrow will be dying.

THE FLOWERS.

THE HELIOTROPE.

THROUGH all the changes of the day
 I turn me to the sun :
 In clear or cloudy skies I say
 Alike—*Thy will be done!*

THE VIOLET.

A LOWLY flow'r, in secret bow'r,
 Invisible I dwell ;
 For blessing made, without parade,
 Known only by my smell.

THE LILY.

EMBLEM of him, in whom no stain
 The eye of Heav'n could see,
 In all their glory, monarchs vain
 Are not array'd like me.

THE ROSE.

WITH ravish'd heart that crimson hail,
 Which in my bosom glows :
 Think how the lily of the vale
 Became like Sharon's rose.

THE PRIMROSE.

WHEN Time's dark winter shall be o'er,
His storms and tempests laid,
Like me you'll rise, a fragrant flow'r,
But not, like me, to fade.

THE GARDEN.

THE bow'r of innocence and blifs
Sin caus'd to disappear :
Repent, and walk in faith and love—
You'll find an *Eden* here.

A MORNING HYMN ON
EASTER-DAY.

I.

HARK ! the shrill herald of the morn
Begins the sons of men to warn,
And bids them all arise,
To celebrate his great renown,
Who sends the light refulgent down,
To bless our longing eyes.

II.

At this the fainting shadows die,
The pow'rs of darkness swiftly fly
Before the morning star ;
Pale trembling murder dares not stay,
And fiends, abash'd at sight of day,
Back to their den repair.

III.

'Tis this the weary failor cheers,
Who now no more the tempest hears,
Which morning bids to cease :
O come that day-spring from on high,
When discord shall with darkness fly,
And all be light and peace !

IV.

'Twas this that drew repentant tears
From Peter, led by worldly fears
His master to disown ;
Warn'd by the monitor of day,
He cast the works of night away,
And fought th' abjured sun.

V.

Whene'er the bird of dawning crows,
He tells us all how Peter rose,
And mark'd us out the road ;
That each disciple might begin,
Awake, like him, from sleep and sin,
To think betimes on God.

VI.

Smote by the eye that looks on all,
Let us, obedient to the call,
Arise to weep and pray ;
Till mournful, as on sin we muse,
Faith, like an angel, tells the news,
" The Lord is ris'n to-day."

ON

DAVID GARRICK'S FUNERAL
PROCESSION.

THRO' weeping London's crowded streets,
As Garrick's fun'ral pass'd,
Contending wits and nobles strove,
Who should forsake him last.

Not so the world behav'd to *him*,
Who came that world to save,
By solitary Joseph borne
Unheeded to his grave.

If what is done by mortals here
Departed spirits know,
Confus'd and blushing, Garrick views
This grand parade of woe.

Tho' much to be admir'd by man,
He had—yet, gracious Heav'n!
Much, very much he had, indeed,
By thee to be forgiv'n.

But thou art good!—And since he died,
Compos'd without a groan,
Repentant David, let us hope,
May live through *David's Son*.

WRITTEN AT AN INN.

I.

FROM much-lov'd friends whence'er I part,
 A penfive sadness fills my heart;
 Past scenes my fancy wanders o'er,
 And sighs to think they are no more.

II.

Along the road I musing go,
 O'er many a deep and miry slough;
 The shrouded moon withdraws her light,
 And leaves me to the gloomy night.

III.

An inn receives me, where unknown,
 I solitary sit me down:
 Many I hear, and some I see,
 I nought to them, they nought to me.

IV.

Thus in these regions of the dead
 A pilgrim's wand'ring life I lead,
 And still at every step declare,
 I've no abiding city here:

V.

For very far from hence I dwell,
 And therefore bid the world farewell,
 Finding of all the joys it gives
 A sad remembrance only lives.

VI.

Rough stumbling-stones my steps o'erthrow,
And lay a wand'ring sinner low ;
Yet still my course to heav'n I steer,
Tho' neither moon nor stars appear !

VII.

The world is like an inn ; for there
Men call, and storm, and drink, and swear ;
While undisturb'd a Christian waits,
And reads, and writes, and meditates.

VIII.

Tho' in the dark oft-times I stray,
The Lord shall light me on my way,
And to the city of the Sun
Conduct me, when my journey's done.

IX.

There by these eyes shall he be seen,
Who sojourn'd for me in an inn ;
On Sion's hill I those shall hail,
From whom I parted in the vale.

X.

Why am I heavy then and sad,
When thoughts like these should make me glad ?
Muse then no more on things below ;
Arise, my soul, and let us go.

THE MONKISH LATIN HYMN,

USED AS A GRACE AFTER MEAT AT MAGDALEN COLLEGE, OXFORD.

I.

TE Deum patrem colimus,
 Te laudibus prosequimur,
 Qui corpus cibo reficis,
 Cœlesti mentem gratiâ.

II.

Te adoramus, O Jesu,
 Te, Fili unigenite,
 Te, qui non dedignatus es
 Subire claustra virginis.

III.

Actus in crucem factus es
 Irato Deo victima;
 Per te, Salvator unice,
 Vitæ spes nobis rediit.

IV.

Tibi, æterne Spiritus,
 Cujus afflatu peperit
 Infantem Deum Maria,
 Æternùm benedicimus.

V.

Triune Deus, hominum
 Salutis autor optime,
 Immensum hoc mysterium
 Ovanti linguâ canimus.

TRANSLATION.

I.

THEE, mighty Father, we adore,
And praise thy name for evermore;
Whose bounty feeds all Adam's race,
And cheers the hungry soul with grace.

II.

Great co-eternal Son, to thee,
With one consent, we bow the knee,
For our salvation man become,
Thou didst not scorn the virgin's womb.

III.

The Paschal Lamb, foreshewn of old,
In thee, sweet Jesu! we behold,
And pardon thro' thy blood receive,
While on thy cross we look and live.

IV.

Thee too, all hallow'd mystic Dove,
We ever bless, and ever love:
Thy wonders how shall we declare?
The Lord was born, the virgin bare!

V.

Almighty, everlasting Three,
No other God we have but thee;
Thy glorious works, immortal King,
In triumph thus we daily sing.

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ABBAY LANDS.

SIR Benjamin Rudyard in a speech (preserved by Nalson, ii. 300) mentions it as the *principal parliamentary motive* for seizing the abbey lands by Henry VIII. that they would so enrich the crown, as that the people should *never be put to pay subsidies again*; and an army of 40,000 men for the defence of the kingdom should be maintained with the overplus. How did the matter turn out? Sir Benjamin tells us, "God's part, religion, by his blessing, had been tolerably well preserved; but it hath been saved *as by fire*; for the rest is consumed and vanished. The people have paid subsidies ever since, and we are now in no very good case to pay an army." [A more exact account of this design and its consequences may be found in Sir Henry Spelman's History of Sacrilege, chap. vii.]

ABELARD.

THE bad tendency of Mr. Pope's *Eloisa* to Abelard is remarked by Sir John Hawkins, in his *History of Music*, vol. ii. p. 23, as depreciating matrimony, and justifying concubinage. This is founded on a false fact; Abelard *was* married. The original letters are finer than even Pope's: they were published ann. 1718, by Rawlinson, from a MS. in the Bodleian library. Sir John Hawkins, speaking of Abelard's skill in scholastical theology, and profligacy of manners, makes the following sensible observation: "To say the truth, the theology of the schools, as taught in Abelard's time, was merely scientific, and had as little tendency to regulate the manners of those who studied it, as geometry, or any other of the mathematical sciences." The observation may be extended to *other* modes of studying divinity.

ADVERSITY.

THE fiery trials of adversity have the same kindly effect on a Christian mind, which Virgil ascribes to burning land. They purge away the bad properties, and remove obstructions to the operations of heaven.

----- Sive illis omne per ignem
Excoquitur vitium, atque exsudat inutilis humor,

Seu

Seu plures calor ille vias et cæca relaxat
Spiramenta, novas veniat qua succus in herbas.

GEORG. i. 87.

Or when the latent vice is cur'd by fire,
Redundant humours through the pores expire ;
Or that the warmth distends the chinks, and makes
New breathings, whence new nourishment she takes ;
Or that the heat the gaping ground constrains,
New knits the surface, and new strings the veins.

DRYDEN, 128.

ALCORAN.

EXTRAVAGANT praises are bestowed by Sale and his disciples on the Koran, which equal the enthusiasm of Mahomet and his followers ; going every length but that of saying, it was dictated by the Spirit of God. Wonderful and horrible ! This not much noticed—not mentioned, I think, in White's lectures, as it should have been, and exposed. [But if any reader wants satisfaction on the subject of Mahometism, he will find it in Dr. Prideaux's Life of Mahomet.]

AMBITION.

THE ambitious man employs his time, his pains, and his abilities, to climb to a summit, on which, at last, he stands with anxiety and fear, and from which if he fall, it must be with infamy and ruin. A man of like turn in the time of Charles II. had, by like unwearied application, attained a like situation, on the top of Salisbury spire. Every sober thinking
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man will say in one case what the merry monarch said in the other ; “ Make the fellow out a patent, that no one may stand there but himself.”

ANGELS.

MAN (a minister of Christ in particular) should resemble them in reconciling duty with devotion. *They minister to the heirs of salvation ; yet always behold the face of their Father in heaven.*

AFRICAN ANTS.

THESE insects set forward sometimes in such multitudes, that the whole earth seems to be in motion. A corps of them attacked and covered an elephant quietly feeding in a pasture. In eight hours, nothing was to be seen on the spot, but the skeleton of that enormous animal, neatly and completely picked.—The business was done, and the enemy marched on after fresh prey. Such power have the smallest creatures acting in concert.

APOPHTHEGMS.

It is said, I think, of Bishop Sanderson, that by frequently conversing with his son, and scattering short apophthegms, with little pleasant stories, and making useful applications of them, the youth was, in his infancy, taught to abhor vanity and vice as monsters.

ASSES.

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THERE are wild asses in South America. They have three properties which bear a moral application.

1. Though exceedingly swift, fierce and untractable, after carrying the *first load*, their celerity leaves them; their dangerous ferocity is lost, and they soon contract the stupid look and dulness of the asinine species: one of them becomes like another ass. 2. If that more noble animal a horse happens to stray into the places where they feed, they all fall upon him; and, without giving him the liberty of flying from them, they bite and kick him, till they leave him dead upon the spot. 3. They are very troublesome neighbours, making a most horrid noise; for whenever one or two of them begin to bray, they are answered in the same vociferous manner by all within reach of the sound, which is greatly increased and prolonged by the repercussions of the vallies, and breaches of the mountains. Ulloa, i. 248. [An English gentleman, resident in the East, kept one of the asses of the country for his use, who was so troublesome with his noise, that he ordered a slave to strike him on the nose with a cane when he began to vociferate; in consequence of which, the creature in a few days fell from his appetite, and would actually have pined away and died, for want of the liberty of making his own frightful noise.]

ATHANASIAN CREED.

THE doctrines in the public service (as a noble author has supposed) are not the true cause why people of rank, &c. absent themselves; but downright ungodliness, amusements, racing, hunting, gambling, visiting and intriguing—setting out for Newmarket on a Sunday, &c. Would the gentlemen of the turf come the more to church if the Athanasian Creed were struck out, &c.?

It is not true that these doctrines “are acknowledged to be ill founded and unscriptural by every clergyman of learning and candour;” or that “no man of sense and learning can maintain them.” There have been and are many instances both of laity and clergy that hold them to be scriptural, and maintain them as such. The abettors of heresy and infidelity are not the only *men of sense* in the nation [in *good manners* they certainly do not abound]. Dr. Middleton, when he had apostatized, by *men of sense* meant *infidels*. [This article was occasioned by a pamphlet styled Hints, &c. ascribed to the D. of G.]

AVARICE.

1. A *canine appetite* inclines persons to take down their food in such quantities, that they vomit it up again like *dogs*. So Job of the rapacious greedy oppressor: “He hath swallowed down riches, and he

“shall vomit them up again.” Chap. xx. 15. What is *avarice*, but such an appetite of the mind?

2. He, who flatters himself, that he resolves to employ his fortune well, though he should acquire it ill, ought to take this with him, that such a compensation of evil by good may be allowed after the fact, but is deservedly condemned in that purpose. And it may be observed, that a resolution of this kind, taken beforehand, is seldom carried into act afterwards.

Nemo unquam imperium flagitiis quæsitum bonis artibus exercuit.—Tacit. Hist. i.—No one ever exercised with virtue power obtained by crimes.

3. The eagerness with which some men seek after gold would lead one to imagine it had the power to remove all uneasiness, and make its possessors completely happy; as the Spaniards pretended to the Mexicans, that it cured them of a pain at the *heart*, to which they were subject.

Riches will make a man just as happy as the emperor of Siam's white elephant, who is ridden by nobody, lives at his ease, is served in plate, and treated like a monarch.

4. It is worthy observation, that Perseus, who lost the Macedonian empire, was infamous for his avarice; and Paulus Emilius, his conqueror, so entirely the reverse, that he ordered all the gold and silver, that was taken, into the public treasury, without seeing it; nor ever was one farthing the richer for his victories, though always generous, of his own, to others.

5. At a time when Persian bribes were very rife at Athens, a porter humorously proposed, that twelve of the poorest citizens should be annually sent ambassadors to the Persian court, to be enriched by the king's presents. Ibid. Poor men should be made ministers of state in England, for the same purpose.

BEARS.

THEIR sagacity is very great. The Kamtschadales are obliged to them for what little advancement they have hitherto made, either in the sciences or the *polite arts*. From them they learned the value of simples for internal use and external application. They acknowledge the bears likewise for their *dancing-masters*: what they call the *bear-dance* is an exact counterpart of every attitude and gesture peculiar to this animal; through its several functions: and this is the foundation and ground-work of all their other dances, and what they value themselves most upon. King, iii. 308; chap. v.

BENTLEY:

BENTLEY is a model for polemical preaching, on account of the conciseness, perspicuity and fairness with which objections are stated, and the clear, full and regular manner in which they are answered.

BIGOTRY.

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Arabes artium et literarum omnium adeo rudes erant, ut id imprimis curasse putentur, ne Prophetam suum illiteratum (uti vulgo audit Mahommedes) scientiâ superarent. Spencer de Leg. Hebræ. lib. ii. cap. 1, sec. 3.—The Arabians were so utterly unskilled in arts and sciences of every kind, that they seem to have been anxious, above all things, not to surpass in knowledge their prophet Mahomed, generally allowed to be illiterate.

BLIND MAN.

“I NEVER had the happiness, said the blind man in the Princess Palatine's dream, to behold the light and the glories of the firmament, nor can I form to myself the least idea of the transcendent beauties I have often heard mentioned. Such is my sad condition; and from my situation all presumptuous beings may learn, that many very excellent and wonderful things exist, which escape human knowledge.” What inestimable and divine truths are there not in nature, devoutly to be wished for, though we cannot imagine nor comprehend them!—See Bossuet's Fun. Orat. on this Princess.

BLINDNESS OF INFIDELITY.

JOSEPHUS tells us, that, in the last dreadful ruin of his unhappy countrymen, it was familiar with them “to make a jest of divine things, and to deride, as “so many senseless tales, and juggling impostures, “the sacred oracles of their prophets;” though they were then fulfilling before their eyes, and even upon themselves. Hurd on the Prophecies, p. 434.

BLONDEL.

DAVID BLONDEL’S book is a magazine for the writers against Episcopacy. It was drawn up at the earnest request of the Westminster Assembly, particularly the Scots. It closed with words to this purpose: “By all that we have said to assert the Rights of Presbytery, we do not intend to invalidate the antient and apostolical constitution of Episcopal pre-eminence. But we believe that wheresoever it is established conformably to the antient canons, it must be carefully preserved: and wheresoever, by some heat of contention or otherwise, it hath been put down, or violated, it ought to be reverently restored.” This raised a great clamour, and the conclusion was suppressed. On the report getting about, John Blondel, then residing in London, wrote to his brother David, who acknowledged it was true.--See Du Moulin’s Letter to Durel, at the end of Bennet on Joint Prayer.

BODY AND SOUL.

THE reciprocal influence of these upon each other is fully and clearly set forth in the second volume of a *Philosophical Essay on Man*. Two inferences are to be drawn from this consideration. First, that we should stock the soul with such ideas, sentiments, and affections, as have a benign and salutary influence upon the body. Secondly, that we should keep the body, by temperance, exercise, &c. in that state which has a like benign and salutary influence on the soul. The common practice is exactly the reverse. Men indulge passions in the soul, which destroy the health of the body, and introduce distempers into it, which impair the powers of the soul. Man being a compound creature, his happiness is not complete till both parts of the composition partake of it. This has been well stated by Saurin, diff. xxiii. p. 200, where mention is made of a treatise of Capellus on the state of the soul after death.

BOOKS.

1. IT is with books as with animals: those live longest with which their parents go longest before they produce them.

2. When we study the writings of *men*, it is well if after much pains and labour we find some few particles of truth amongst a great deal of error. When we read the *Scriptures*, all we meet with is truth.

In the former case, we are like the Africans on the Dust Coast, of whom it is said, that they dig pits nigh the water-falls of mountains abounding with gold, and then, with incredible pains and industry, wash off the sand, till they espy at the bottom two or three shining grains of the metal, that pays them only as labourers. In the latter case, we work in a mine sufficient to enrich ourselves and all about us.

3. Of the Spanish books, says Montesquieu, the only one good for any thing is that which was written to shew that all the rest were good for nothing.

4. Sir Peter Lely made it a rule, never to look at a bad picture, having found by experience, that, whenever he did so, his pencil took a tint from it. Apply this to bad books and bad company.

5. I have said, and I abide by it, cries Voltaire, that the fault of most books is their being too long. A writer who has reason on his side will always be concise.

6. The books which composed the Alexandrian library were employed to heat the baths in that city, then 4000 in number; yet were they six months in consuming. The reasoning of the Caliph at that time was, Either these books are agreeable to the book of God, or they are not. If they are, the Koran is sufficient without them; if they are not, they ought to be destroyed.

7. The greatest and wisest men have not been

proof against the errors and superstitious conceits of the age in which they lived. Augustus Cæsar thought the skin of a sea-calf to be a preservative against lightning; and expected some grievous calamity to befall him in the course of the day, if at rising he happened to put the left shoe upon the right foot. But we are not therefore to say, that Augustus Cæsar was a fool. The very learned and able bishop Jeremy Taylor, on a certain topic, asserts what was rather suited to the notions current in his time, than what was philosophically true; but it does not follow, that the *Holy Living and Dying*, in which this passage occurs, is therefore a foolish book. He would be indeed a foolish man, who should catch at such a passage, and make it a reason for rejecting all the excellent instruction and counsel contained in that golden treatise.

8. Bossuet, before he sat down to compose a sermon, read a chapter in the prophet Isaiah, and another in Rodriguez's tract on Christian perfection. The former fired his genius, the latter filled his heart. Dominichino never offered to touch his pencil, till he found a kind of enthusiasm or inspiration upon him.—Biograph. Dict.

9. Patrons are but too apt to reward their authors with compliments, when they want bread. Sorbiere, being treated in this manner by his friend Pope Clement IX., is said to have complained in the following humorous terms:—"Most Holy Fa-
"ther,

“ther, you give ruffles to a man who is without
“a shirt.”

10. Valesius used to say, he learned more from
borrowed books, than from his own; because, not
having the same opportunity of reviewing them, he
read them with more care.

11. Some books, like some fields, afford plenty of
provision for various creatures while, as to others,

- - Jejuna quidem clivosi glarea ruris
Vix humiles *apibus* casias roremque ministrat :
Et tophus scaber, & nigris exesa chelydri
Creta, negant alios æque serpentibus agros
Dulcem ferre cibum, & curvas præbere latebras.

GEORG. ii. 212.

The coarse lean gravel, on the mountain sides,
Scarce dewy bev'rage for the bees provides :
Nor chalk, nor crumbling stones, the food of snakes,
That work in hollow earth their winding tracks.

DRYDEN, 293.

12. The *Biographia Britannica*, a work which, not-
withstanding its singular merit, I cannot help calling
Vindictio Britannica, or a defence of *every body*.
Royal and Noble Authors, ii. 68.

13. Voltaire's *Universal History*, a charming
bird's-eye landscape, where one views the whole in
picturesque confusion, and imagines the objects
more delightful than they are in reality, and when
examined separately. *Ibid.* 87.

14. By the writers of dialogues matters are often
contrived, as in the combats of the Emperor Com-
modus, in his gladiatorial capacity. The antagonist

of

of his imperial majesty was allowed only a *lead*en weapon.

15. It is said of Ascham, that "he lost no time in the perusal of mean and unprofitable books." See the reflection on it in Biog. Br. 2d edit.

16. *Fronti nulla fides* is a just maxim—otherwise, one should be prejudiced against a book with this title—Fog, Theologiæ Speculativæ Schema.

17. "To read while eating was always my fancy, in default of a tête-à-tête. 'Tis the supplement to society I want. I alternately devour a page and a piece: 'tis as if my book dined with me." Rousseau, b. 6. vol. ii. p. 137.

18. Genuine knowledge should be diffused. *Quid magni facerēs*, said archbishop Warham to Erasmus, *si uni agresti popello predicāris?* *Nunc libris tuis omnes doces pastores, fructu longè uberiorē.* Cooper's Charge, p. 22.—What great work could you have wrought, had your preaching been confined to one small and rustic flock? But now, with much more extensive benefit, your books instruct the shepherds of all other flocks.

BRACHMANS AND ALEXANDER.

GREAT indeed was the stateliness of the Brachmans! When Alexander expressed a desire to converse with them, he was told; these philosophers made no visits; if he wanted to see them, he must go to their houses.—The tradition of a fall and restoration was strong among them.

BRIBERY.

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THE Spartans were the only people that for a while seemed to disdain the love of money ; but, the contagion still spreading, even they, at last, yielded to its allurements ; and every man sought private emoluments, without attending to the good of his country. —“ That which has been is that which shall be !”

OF BUYING BOOKS.

YOUNG men should not be discouraged from buying books. Much may depend on it. It is said of Whiston, that the accidental purchase of Tacquet's Euclid at an auction first occasioned his application to mathematical studies.—*Biog. Dict. art. Whiston.* vol. xxi. p. 394.

CATHARINE I. OF RUSSIA.

SHE was not very brilliant and quick in her understanding, but the reason why the Czar was so fond of her, was her exceeding good temper : she never was seen peevish or out of humour ; obliging and civil to all, and never forgetful of her former condition.—*Coxe, i. 568, from Gordon.*—Peter was subject to occasional horrors, which at times rendered him gloomy and suspicious, and raised his passions to such a height, as to produce a temporary madness. In these dreadful moments Catharine was the only person who ventured to approach him ; and such was the kind of fascination she had acquired over him, that her presence had an instantaneous effect,
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and the first sound of her voice composed his mind and calmed his agonies. From these circumstances she seemed necessary, not only to his comfort, but to his very existence: she became his inseparable companion on his journeys into foreign countries, and even in all his military expeditions.—P. 554.

CHARACTERS AND ACTIONS OF REMARKABLE PERSONS.

1. It will be hereafter with a wicked man, when he is punished for his sins, as it was with Apollodorus, when he dreamed that he was slayed and boiled by the Scythians, and his *heart* spake to him out of the cauldron.—Εγώ σοι λέτων ἄλῃα, I am the cause of these thy sufferings.

2. Lyfimachus, for extreme thirst, offered his kingdom to the Gætæ, to quench it. His exclamation, when he had drank, is wonderfully striking—“Ah! wretched me! who, for such a momentary gratification, have lost so great a kingdom! Φεῦ τῆς ἐμῆς πατρίδας, ὅς, δι' ἡδονὴν ἔτω βραχύναν, ἐτέρημαι βασιλείας τηλικαύτης.” How applicable this to the case of him, who, for the *momentary* pleasures of sin, parts with the *kingdom* of heaven!

3. Horticulture, as it was the primitive employment of man, so it is what great geniuses, after having passed through the busiest scenes in the political and military world, retire to with pleasure towards the close of their days.—See Sir W. Temple's *Gardens of Epicurus*.

4. A truly great genius doth not think it beneath him to attend to little things. When Paulus Emilius, after his conquest of Macedon, entertained the principal men of Greece, he shewed that he understood the ordering and placing of his guests, and how every man should be received according to his rank and quality, to such an exact nicety, that the Greeks were surprised to find him so expert and careful even about trifles, and that a man engaged in so many weighty affairs should observe a decorum in such little matters. He told them, the same spirit was required in marshalling a banquet, as an army. See Plutarch.

5. The same Paulus Emilius, when he had followed to the grave two of the best of sons, one a few days before his triumph, the other a few days after it, told a convention of the Romans, that, after such a tide of success, he had feared a reverse of fortune either to them or himself; that he now felt his mind perfectly at rest, as by the stroke falling on him and his family he looked upon his country to be safe. There is a generosity and greatness of soul in this behaviour not easy to be paralleled, as it came from a heart, says Plutarch, truly sincere, and free from all artifice.

6. It is finely observed by Plutarch, that, “as that
“body is most strong and healthful, which can best
“support extreme cold and excessive heat, in the
“change of seasons; and that mind the strongest
“and firmest, which can best bear prosperity and
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“adversity, and the change from one to the other ;
 “so the virtue of Emilius was eminently seen, in
 “that his countenance and carriage were the same
 “upon the loss of two beloved sons, as when he had
 “achieved his greatest victories and triumphs.” How
 doth this example reproach and shame the weakness
 and inconstancy of Christians !

7. The old proverb, *Mocking is catching*, was remarkably exemplified in the great Mr. Boyle, who, when young, by imitating stuttering children, acquired himself a habit of stuttering, of which he was never after perfectly cured.

8. Lord Orrery (Dr. Bentley’s antagonist) was fond of two sorts of company. He either improved himself by conversing with men of real genius and learning, or else diverted himself with those in whose composition there was a mixture of the odd and ridiculous : the foibles of such he would touch and play off with a delicacy and tenderness that prevented any offence from being taken even by the parties themselves, who enjoyed the humour, and joined in the laugh as heartily as the rest of the company.

9. The day after Charles V. (one of the wisest as well as most fortunate of princes) had resigned all his kingdoms to his son Philip, he introduced, and recommended to his service, his faithful counsellor and secretary, with these remarkable words, “The
 “present I make you to-day, is a far more valuable
 “one than that I made you yesterday.”

10. I am ashamed to think, that a little business and few cares should indispose and hinder me in my religious exercises, when I read, that Frederic king of Prussia; at a time when all his enemies were upon him, and his affairs seemed absolutely desperate; found leisure to write a kind of philosophical testament in French verse: See Age of Louis XV. ii. 213.

11. Children should be inured as early as possible to acts of charity and mercy. Constantine, as soon as his son could write, employed *his* hand in signing pardons, and delighted in conveying through *his* mouth all the favours that he granted: a noble introduction to sovereignty, which is instituted for the happiness of mankind.—Jortin's Remarks on Ecclesiastical History.

12. Cyrus had taken the wife of Tigranes, and asked him what he would give, to save her from servitude? He replied, All that he had in the world, and his own life into the bargain. Cyrus, upon this, very generously restored her, and pardoned what had passed. All were full of his praises upon this occasion, some commending the accomplishments of his mind, others those of his person. Tigranes asked his wife, whether she did not greatly admire him? I never looked at him, said she. Not look at him! returned he; upon whom then did you look? Upon him, replied she, who offered his own life to redeem me from slavery.—This charming example should be copied into our behaviour in the house of God; where

where we should behold and contemplate the beauties and perfections of that blessed person alone, who actually did give his life a ransom for us.—Xenoph. Cyropæd. iii. 147.

13. When Constantine was instigated by his courtiers to make examples of the Arians, who had insulted his statues, he silenced them by raising his hand to his face, and saying, “For mine own part, I do not feel myself hurt.”

14. Would you see human vanity and misery at the highest? Behold the globe of the world carried in procession before the corpse of the Emperor Charles VII. who, during the short course of his wretched reign, could not keep possession of one small unfortunate province.

15. Victor Amadeus, tired of business and of himself, capriciously abdicating his crown, and a year afterwards as capriciously repenting, and desiring to have it again; displayed fully the weakness of human nature, and how difficult it is to gratify the heart, either with or without a throne.

16. Claude Lorrain studied his art in the open fields; where he frequently continued from the rising to the setting sun. He sketched whatever he thought beautiful or striking, and marked, in similar colours, every curious tinge of light on all kinds of objects. These were afterwards improved into landscapes, universally allowed to be superior to those of all other artists who have painted in the same style. In

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like manner Shakspeare and Ben Jonson travelled and associated with all sorts of people, to mark different *traits* in the characters and tempers of mankind, which were afterwards worked up into their inimitable plays. Every writer should follow these examples, and take down thoughts as they occur in reading or conversing, to be ready for use afterwards, when he sits down to compose.

17. The late Duke of Grafton, in hunting, was one day thrown into a ditch; at the same instant a horseman, calling out, "Lie still, my Lord!" leaped over his Grace, and pursued his sport. When the Duke's attendants came up, he enquired of them who that person was; and being told, it was a young curate in the neighbourhood, his Grace replied, "He shall have the first good living that falls; had he stopped to take care of me, I would never have given him any thing as long as he had lived." Of so much consequence it is to hit the particular turn of a patron.

18. To the hasty correctors of the *sacred* text may be applied what an ingenious author has observed, when speaking of the critics on *classical* writers.— "The learning of the ancients had been long ago obliterated; had every man thought himself at liberty to corrupt the lines which he did not understand!" *Adventurer*, xi. 189. No. 58.

19. Obscurity of expression is elegantly called by Mrs. Montague, "that *mist* common to the *eve* and *morn* "

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“of literature,” (Essay on Shakspeare, p. 286.)
 “which in fact proves it is not at its high me-
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20. Some make the discharge of the Christian ministry to consist in asserting the rights of the church, and the dignity of their function; others, in a strenuous opposition to the prevailing sectaries, and a zealous attachment to the established church government; a third sort, in examining the speculative points and mystical parts of religion; few, in the mean time, considering either in what the true dignity of the ministerial character consists; or the only end for which church government was at all established; or the practical influence, which can alone make speculative points worth our attention—the reformation of the lives of men, and the promotion of their truest happiness here and hereafter. Gilpin’s Life, p. 160.

21. It is observed of King, bishop of London in 1611, that he was so constant in preaching, after he was a bishop, that he never missed a Sunday; when his health permitted. Biograph. Dict. from Fuller.

22. The morning after the massacre of Paris, when the streets were covered with the bodies of slaughtered men, women, and children, before they were thrown into the Seine, the Catholics bethought themselves of a *charitable* device, which was, to strip them naked, in order to distribute their bloody clothes *to the poor!*
 —Saint Foix, Histoire de l’Ordre du S. Esprit.

23. To the soul confined in this material world, but aspiring to another and a better, apply the following lines :

—————Pent in his cage

Th' imprison'd eagle fits, and beats his bars ;

His eye is rais'd to heav'n. Tho' many a moon

Has seen him pine in sad captivity—

—————Still he thirsts to dip

His daring pinions in the fount of light.

Poetical Epistle to Ansley, on the English Poets.

24. In treating of the human mind, and the management of it, the two great sources of illustration are *agriculture* and *medicine*.—Bacon's Advancement of Learning, vii. 3.—Our Saviour therefore so frequently applied to them (as the prophets had done before) for the illustration of his doctrine.

25. Champagne, a celebrated painter, was given to understand, he might have any thing from Cardinal Richelieu, if he would leave the service of the Queen Mother—"Why (said he) if the Cardinal could make me a better painter, the only thing I am ambitious of, it would be something ; but since that is impossible, the only honour I beg of his Eminency is the continuance of his good graces."

26. It was a saying of Lord Clarendon's father, that he never knew a man arrive to any degree of reputation in the world, who chose for his friends and companions persons in their qualities inferior, or in their parts not much superior to himself. And Huetius, I think, tells us, that as often as he heard of any one

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of very eminent character in the republic of letters, he never rested, till, by some means or other, he had obtained an introduction to his acquaintance—and this from his earliest youth.

27. It happened formerly that a Rotterdam produced an Erasmus. And it happened lately, as the General Evening Post (Mar. 14, 1771) informs us, that a goose hatched four-and-twenty Canary birds. But these are events that do not happen every day.

28. “My Lord,” said a prig of a Sheriff once to Judge Burnet, on the circuit, “there is a white bear in our town; your Lordship, be sure, will go and see him; shall I have the honour to attend your Lordship?” “Why,” replied the Judge, “I am afraid it cannot be; because, you know, Mr. Sheriff, the bear and I both travel with trumpets; and it has never yet been settled, which should make the first visit.”

29. The same personage, when he was only plain Tom Burnet, took it into his head to write a pamphlet, which did some execution, against the ministry. The great man complained to the Bishop, who, sending for Tom—“What, says he, could induce you to do such a thing? I make you a very handsome allowance. You could not write it for bread.” “No, sir,” said Tom. “What did you write it for then; firrah?” “For drink, sir.”

30. When the Mexican Emperor Gatimozin was put upon the rack by the soldiers of Cortes, one of his nobles, who lay in tortures at the same time, complained piteously to his sovereign of the pain he en-

dured. "Do you think, said Gatimozin, that I lie upon "roses?" The nobleman ceased moaning, and expired *in silence*.—When a Christian thinks his sufferings for sin, in sickness, pain, &c. intolerable, let him remember those of *his* Lord, endured patiently on that bed of sorrow, the cross; and he will think so no longer.

When Gatimozin, just taken, was brought into the presence of Cortes, he (Cortes) gave strict orders that the Mexican noblemen taken with the Emperor should be secured, and strictly looked to, lest they should escape. "Your care, said Gatimozin, is needless; "they will not fly; they are come to die at the feet "of their sovereign!" Such should be the disposition and resolution of the disciples and soldiers of Christ.

31. Little circumstances convey the most characteristic ideas; but the choice of them may as often paint the genius of the writer, as of the person represented.—Well exemplified in the instance of the Duchess of Marlborough.—See *Royal and Noble Authors*, vol. ii. 200.

32. Inscription (not perfectly Augustan) on the Earl of Shrewsbury's sword; *Sum Talboti, pro occidere inimicos*—I am Talbot's, for to slay his foes.

33. Wraxall, speaking of a cathedral, or abbey, in Livonia, demolished by the Russians, expresses himself thus—"Posterity will see the standard wave "where the crucifix has stood, and the matin bell "will be succeeded by the trumpet."—P. 278.

34. In former times, when Lord Keeper North applied close to his studies, and spent his days in his chamber;

chamber, he was subject to the spleen, and apprehensive of many imaginary diseases; and by way of prevention, he went thick-clad, wore leather skull-caps, and inclined much to physic. But now, when he was made attorney-general, and business flowed in upon him, his complaints vanished, and his skull-caps were destined to lie in a drawer, and receive his money.—Life of Lord Keeper North.

35. As men are preferred, their zeal and diligence often remit, instead of increasing. Urban III. thus inscribed a letter to Archbishop Baldwin—“*Monacho ferventissimo, Abbati calido, Episcopo tepido, Archiepiscopo remisso.*”—Most fervent as a Monk, warm as an Abbot, lukewarm as a Bishop, cold as an Archbishop.—Life of Baldwin in Biog. Britan.

36. To *instruct*, and to *govern*, are two things; and a man may do the former well, who does the latter very indifferently. It is part of Dr. Allestry's character, as drawn in his epitaph, “*Episcopales infulas eadem “industriâ evitavit, quâ alii ambiunt; cui rectius “visum ecclesiam defendere, instruere, ornare, quam “regere.*”—He shunned the mitre as industriously as others seek it; he chose rather to defend, edify and adorn, than govern the Church.—Biog. Brit.

37. Bishop Andrews, when a lad at the University, used every year to visit his friends in London, and to stay a month with them. During that month, he constantly made it a rule to learn, by the help of a master, some language, or art, to which he was before a stranger. No time was lost,

When the same eminent person first became Bishop of Winton, a distant relation, a blacksmith, applied to him, to be *made a gentleman*, i. e. to be ordained, and provided with a good benefice. No, said the Bishop, you shall have the best *forge* in the county ; but—*every man in his own order and station*.

38. It was a good rule of Dr. Hammond's, always to have a subject in hand; in which case he observed, that, whatever course of reading he happened to be in, he never failed of meeting with something to his purpose. For this reason, no sooner had he finished one sermon, or tract, but he immediately put another upon the stocks. Thus he was never idle, and all his studies turned to present account. He never walked out alone without a book, and one always lay open in his chamber, from which his servant read, while he dressed or undressed himself. His *Life by Fell*, though written in a style far from clear and agreeable, is one of the most improving books I ever read.

39. Jordano (Luca) the painter was so engaged in his business, that he worked at it even on holidays. Being reproached for this by a brother artist—"Why," said he, "if I was to let my pencils rest, they would grow rebellious, and I should not be able to bring them to order, without trampling on them."—This man had so happy a memory, that he recollected the manner of all the great masters, and had the art of imitating them so well, as to occasion frequent mistakes.

40. Grove, the Presbyterian, published in 1728 a funeral sermon on the Fear of Death. The subject was treated in so masterly a manner, that a person of considerable rank in the learned world declared, that, after reading it, he could have laid down and died; with as much readiness and satisfaction, as he had ever done any thing in his life.—Biog. Dict. art. *Grove*.—The sermon must have been a good one to have wrought such a persuasion; but how the persuasion would have kept its ground, had the person been taken at his word, and ordered to prepare for instant death, is another question.

41. Remarkable is the following passage of Josephus, relative to the wickedness of his countrymen before Jerusalem was besieged by the Romans—"That time abounded with all manner of iniquity, so that none was left undone. Yea, though one endeavoured to invent some new villany, yet could he invent none that was not then practised."

42. Sauveur, the French mathematician, when he was about to court his mistress, would not see her, till he had been with a notary, to have the conditions on which he intended to insist reduced into a written form; for fear the sight of her should not leave him enough master of himself. Like a true mathematician, he proceeded by rule and line, and made his calculations when his head was cool.

43. Alexander sent Phocion 100 talents.—"Why to me, more than others?"—"Because he looks upon you as the only just and virtuous man."—"Then
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“let him suffer me to continue so.”—Philip before had offered him a large sum. He was pressed to take it, if not for himself, yet for his children. “If my children,” cried Phocion, “resemble me, the little spot of ground with the produce of which I have hitherto lived, and which has raised me to the glory you mention, will be sufficient to maintain them. If it will not, I do not intend to leave them wealth, merely to stimulate and heighten their luxury,”

CHARITY.

1. In the world, no man liveth or worketh for himself alone, but every tradesman, mechanic, husbandman, &c. contributeth his labour and his skill towards supplying the different exigencies of the public, and rendering society comfortable. So ought it to be among Christians in the church, which is a body composed of many members, and requireth that each member should perform its proper office for the benefit of the whole.

2. Among the ancient Romans there was a law kept inviolably, that no man should make a public feast, except he had before provided for all the poor of his neighbourhood.—So the Gospel—*Thou, when thou makest a feast, call the poor, &c.*—See Rule of Life, 166.

3. Let him, who has not leisure or ability to penetrate the mysteries of the S S. take comfort in this saying of Austin: *Ille tenet et quod patet et quod latet in*

divinis sermonibus, qui charitatem tenet in moribus—
He is master of all that is plain, and all that is mysterious in the Scriptures, who is possessor of the virtue of charity.

4. The end of *knowledge* is *charity*, or the communication of it for the benefit of others. This truth may be finely illustrated by a passage in Milton, P. L. viii. 90 & seq.

—————Consider first, that great
Or bright infers not *excellence* : the earth,
Though, in comparison of heav'n, so small,
Nor glist'ring, may of solid good contain
More plenty than the sun that barren shines ;
Whose virtue on itself works no effect,
But in the fruitful earth ; there first receiv'd
His beams, unactive else, their vigour find.

5. It is very remarkable, that Chesterfield, that man of the world, that man of pleasure, places charity to the distressed at the head of rational pleasures.—See the letter on expences, vol. ii. 800.

6. There is no state of life which does not furnish employment for care and industry : the mean must serve the great out of necessity ; and the great are equally bound to serve the mean out of justice and charity.—Heylyn, ii. 325.

7. At man's first creation, *charity* was the divine principle implanted in his heart by his Maker. The adversary, by temptation, displaced it, and left *self-love* in its room, which was cherished by man, to
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the destruction of himself and his posterity. Thus a certain mischievous bird repairs to the nest of one that is harmless, and having devoured the eggs of the little innocent owner, lays one of her own in their place: this the fond foolish bird hatches with great assiduity, and, when excluded, finds no difference in the great ill-looking changeling from her own. To supply this voracious creature, the credulous nurse toils with unusual labour, no way sensible that she is feeding an enemy to her race, and one of the most destructive robbers of her future progeny.—See Goldsmith, v. 264.

8. It is not easy to conceive, how much sin and scandal is occasioned by a severe quarrelsome temper in the disciples of Christ. It stirs up the corruptions of those with whom they contend; and leads others to think meanly of a profession which has so little efficacy to soften and sweeten the tempers of those who maintain it.—Doddridge, F. E. ii. 186.

9. *Bees* never work single, but always in companies, that they may assist each other.—An useful hint to scholars and Christians.

10. An abbé, remarkable for his parsimony, happened to be in company where a charitable subscription was going round. The plate was brought to him, and he contributed his louis-d'or. The collector, not observing it, came to him a second time. *I have put in*, said he. *If you say so, I will believe you*, returned the collector, *though I did not see it.*—*I did see it*,

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cried old Fontenelle, who was present, *but did not believe it.*

11. There are many deceptions concerning charity.

1. It may be practised on false motives, interest, custom, fear, shame, vanity, popularity, &c. 2. It is a mistake to imagine it will atone for a want of other virtues, or for a life of vice and dissipation.—See Dupré, *serm.* iii. *Crit. Review*, April 1782, p. 260.—Mr. Law's character of *Negotius*. Voltaire says, "the effect is the same whatever be the motive." But surely the worth of every action must be estimated by the *motive* on which it is performed. He who attends me when I am sick, with a view to the making of my will, and getting my estate, is a very different man from him who does it only because he loves me. Yet the effect may be the same: I may be equally taken care of in either case. We are to be judged by one who knows the thoughts of our hearts, and will judge us accordingly. Charity made consistent with vice—Brown's *Sermons*, 278.—See Charity well described under the idea of *Generosity*, Fitzosborne's *Letters*, 123.

12. Mickle, the translator of the *Lusiad*, inserted in his poem an angry note against Garrick, who, as he thought, had used him ill, by rejecting a tragedy of his. Some time afterward, the poet, who had never seen Garrick play, was asked by a friend in town to go to *King Lear*. He went, and, during the first three acts, said not a word. In a fine passage of the fourth, he fetched a deep sigh, and, turning to his friend,

friend, "I wish," said he, "the *note* was out of my "book!"—How often, alas, do we say and write bitter things of a man, on a partial and interested view of his character, which, if we knew it throughout, we should wish unsaid or unwritten!

THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND THE SHARK.

"WHAT fish is that?" said Sir Elijah Impey to the sailors, who had caught a shark. "An please your "honour," answered one of them, "we call it a "*sea-lawyer*."

CHINESE.

1. It is an odd circumstance, that when a man dies, among the Chinese, the relations and friends wait *three days*, to see whether he will rise again, before they put the corpse into the coffin. Voyages and Travels, iv. 92, from Navarette. We are told, from the same author, that many in that country, in their life-time, get their coffin made, and give a treat to their acquaintance on the day it comes home. It is customary for the Emperor, in particular, to have his coffin some time with him in the palace. Many keep it in sight for several years, and now and then go into it. Ibid.

2. It should be in an University, as in the empire of China, where "no husbandman is ever idle, and "no land ever lies fallow." Ibid. 121.

3. Accomplishments of every kind are acquired and
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preserved by use and practice; and the scholar and Christian would do well to reflect upon a piece of discipline in the Chinese armies, by which a soldier who suffers his arms to contract the least *rust* is punished on the spot with thirty or forty blows of the baton. Ibid. 286, from Le Compte, and Duhalde—313, 261.

—Sulco attritus *splendescere* vomer.

GEORG. i. 46.

Worn in the furrow shines the burnish'd share.

DRYDEN.

4. In China, the aspirants, in the literary way, are examined by the eminent men, for their degrees. The Emperor, *Kang Hi*, finding matters did not go on as they should do, took it into his head, one day, to examine the examiners, and sent several of the old Dons packing into the provinces, for insufficiency. "The dread of such another examination," says our author, "keeps those chiefs of the *literati* close to their studies."

CHRISTIANITY.

1. WITH difficulty men are induced to give up their favourite opinions: still harder is the task to draw them from their favourite vices. Could a religion be less than divine, which caused the Heathen world to quit both?

2. "Religion," say some, "was invented by priests and politicians, to keep the world in order." It is
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a good thing, then, for that purpose at least. But the misfortune is, none of the supposed impostors of this kind have ever been named, who lived till *after* the general principles of religion were found disseminated among mankind, as the learned Stillingfleet shews at large (Orig. Sac. b. i. chap. 1.) even from the testimonies of the Egyptians and Greeks themselves.

3. The differences among Christians, about lesser matters, prove the truth of those great and fundamental points in which they all agree.

4. The little effect which Christianity hath on the lives of its professors is frequently made an argument against it. So with regard to philosophy, the same objection is thus put and answered in Cicero's Tusc. Quest. lib. ii. sect. 5.—*A. Nonne verendum est igitur, ne philosophiam falsâ gloriâ exornes? Quod est enim majus argumentum, nihil eam prodesse, quam quosdam perfectos philosophos turpiter vivere? M. Nullum verò id quidem argumentum est. Nam ut agri non omnes frugiferi sunt qui coluntur, sic animi non omnes culti fructum ferunt. Atque ut ager quamvis fertilis sine culturâ fructuosus esse non potest, sic sine doctrina animus: ita est utraque res sine alterâ debilis.* See Lactant. De fals. Sap. vol. iv. 226.

A. Is it not then to be feared, that you ascribe to philosophy a glory that does not belong to it? For what can afford a stronger argument of its inefficacy, than the vicious lives of some of its most learned professors? *M.* That argument is not conclusive. For

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as agriculture cannot render all soils fruitful, so neither are all minds equally improved by instruction. Yet neither can any soil, nor any mind, bring forth good fruits by the unassisted force of its natural fertility; but both must remain unproductive without the aid of cultivation.

5. In Constantinople behold the judgments of God on apostates from true religion, and corrupters of it: see Jews and Christians perpetrating on each other the most enormous villanies, as the price of obtaining the favour of the Turks! At the same time behold the Greek prelates, even while groaning under the yoke of the oppressor, employing their time, their wealth, and their interest, in over-reaching and supplanting each other for a metropolitan see, or a patriarchate, at the court of that oppressor!

6. Christianity has, in every age, produced good effects on thousands and tens of thousands, whose lives are not recorded in ecclesiastical history; which, like other history, is for the most part a register of the vices, the follies, and the quarrels of those who made a figure and a noise in the world. Socrates, in the close of his work, observes, that, if men were honest and peaceable, historians would be undone for want of materials.—Jortin's Remarks, b. ii. ad fin.

7. Theft was unknown among the Caribbees, till Europeans came among them. When they lost any thing, they said innocently—"The Christians have been here."

CHURCH.

1. THE enemies of the Church are encouraged to proceed in their attacks, by the timidity of her friends; as Lyfander, at the siege of Corinth, bade his men be of good courage, when he saw a *bare* run along upon the walls.

2. Learned and good men are often deterred from engaging the adversaries of religion, more through fear of their ribaldry than their arguments; as Antipater's elephants, which beheld the apparatus of war unmoved, ran away at the grunting of the Megarenfian hogs.

3. To admit all the jarring sects and opinions into the church by a *comprehension*, would be, as one well observes, to jumble together an indigested heap of contrarieties into the same mass, and to make the *old chaos* the plan of a *new reformation*.

4. Those clergymen, who betray the cause of their master, in order to be promoted in his church, are guilty of the worst kind of *simony*, and pay their souls for the purchase of their preferments.

5. Heresies seem, like comets, to have their periodical returns.

6. Some think variety of religions as pleasing to God as variety of flowers. Now there can be but one religion which is true; and the God of truth cannot be pleased with falsehood, for the sake of variety.

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7. Nothing is more common than for a religious or political sect to disclaim a principle, and then resume it under another form: as the *Circoncillions* used no *swords*, because God had forbidden the use of one to St. Peter; but they were armed with *clubs*, which they called the *clubs of Israel*, and with which they could break all the bones in a man's skin. See Le Beau, i. 170. See Jortin's Remarks on Eccl. Hist. iv. 388.

8. The heat and acrimony with which some men write against revelation remind one of the cruelties practised by the abovementioned fanatics, who covered the eyes of the Catholics that fell into their hands with *lime* diluted with *vinegar*. Ibid.

9. Apply to quarrels among Christians the following lines, addressed by Adam to Eve, after their mutual accusations and upbraidings:

But rise: let us no more contend, nor blame
Each other, blam'd enough elsewhere; but strive,
In offices of love, how we may lighten
Each other's burden in our share of woe.

10. Upon viewing many of our places of worship in the country, one would be tempted to think the church of England had adopted the maxim laid down in a neighbouring kingdom, "That cleanliness is not essential to devotion." A church of England lady once offered to attend the kirk there, if she might be permitted to have the pew swept and
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lined. "The pew swept and lined!" said Miss John's wife, "my husband would think it down-right popery!"

11. If the intended reformation of our liturgy goes on, the reformers may hereafter bring us in a bill like that of the Cirencester painter :

Mr. Charles Terebee to Joseph Cook, debtor.

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Belief, and making a new Lord's Prayer, - - } 1 1 0

12. It is a principle advanced by President Montesquieu, that, where the magistrate is satisfied with the established religion, he ought to repress the direct attempts towards innovation, and only grant a toleration to other sects.—B. xxv. ch. 10.—See Hume, vol. vii. p. 40 and 41.

13. Sir Matthew Hale used to say, "Those of the separation were good men, but they had *narrow* souls, or they would not break the peace of the church about such inconsiderable matters, as the points in difference were."

14. Lord Clarendon, somewhere in his Life, makes this severe reflection—"That clergymen understand the least, and take the worst measure of human affairs, of all mankind that can read and write." Cited by Temple, in his Essay on the Clergy, p. 22. See his last chapter, On the service clergymen may do their country in matters civil and temporal.—The *reason* of the abovementioned circumstance it might be curious to investigate.

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15. The person presiding over a church should diligently mark the very first starting of an error, or heresy, and employ a proper hand immediately to check and extinguish it; as, by order of the New River Company in London, a watchman is nightly fixed at such a height, near the river head, as to be able to overlook the whole town, and, on the momentary appearance of any conflagration, to turn the water full on the mains leading to the respective quarter, however remote the situation: by which wise and commendable measure, the water generally arrives at the place of destination before the fleetest messenger.—Morning Chronicle, Jan. 27, 1781.

16. “As I do not check any suspicions in my own mind, I shall not easily be restrained from uttering them; because *I know not how I shall benefit my country, or assist her counsels, by silent meditations.*”—Pulteney, in Johnson’s Debates, vol. i. p. 5. A friend of the church, who is able to write or speak, in these days, should make the same reflections.

17. A right good man may be a very unfit magistrate: and for discharge of a bishop’s office, to be well minded is not enough, no, not to be well learned also. Skill to instruct is a thing necessary, skill to govern much more necessary in a bishop. It is not safe for the church of Christ, when bishops learn what belongeth unto government as empirics learn physic, by killing of the sick. Bishops

were wont to be men of great learning in the laws both civil and of the church; and while they were so, the wisest men in the land for counsel and government were bishops.”—Hooker, vii. 24, p. 398.

COLLINS (ANTHONY).

THIS person, on his death-bed, was under great anxiety, and, just before he expired, with a deep sigh pronounced the following words—*Locke has ruined me!* His niece, who attended him at the time, related this circumstance to Mr. Wogan, the pious author of an Essay on the Proper Lessons; as he assured a friend of mine, the Rev. Dr. Merrick of St. Ann’s, Soho.

COMPOSITION.

1. DISTENSION in the bowels is a sign of a bad digestion, In an author it is a symptom of the same infirmity.

2. If a man’s studies are dry, his compositions will be insipid. Distil a *bone*, and you will have a quantity of *water*.

3. He, that would write well in any tongue, must follow this counsel of Aristotle, to think with the learned, but speak with the common people, that these may understand, and those approve him.—Ascham, p. 57.

4. *Aptness, knowledge, and use* make all things perfect; but they must join forces, or nothing will be well done. The first is the gift of God; the second

we must have from others; the third we attain by our own diligence and labour.—P. 117.

5. The same arguments are quite different in their effects, when drawn up and urged by a man of genius. They go farther, and pierce deeper, like the shafts of Hercules, which, Hesiod tells us, were winged with eagles' feathers.

6. He who would excel in any thing (oratory *e. g.*) must not servilely copy any one orator throughout, but from different persons select the accomplishments for which they are severally eminent.

7. It was Cicero's opinion, that he who would speak well, must write much :

Caput autem est, quod (ut verè dicam) minime facimus (est enim magni laboris, quem plerique fugimus) quàm plurimùm scribere.—De Orat.—But the principal point is one from which most of us shrink, on account of the labour that attends it; I mean frequent and much composition.

8. Depth of sentiment, illustrated by a bright imagination, is like the sea when the sun shines upon it and turns it into an ocean of light.

9. Illustrations are peculiarly beautiful, where they are fetched from something near akin to the subject which they are employed to adorn, as *e. g.* Sprat's observations on the age of learning among the Arabians—"Methinks that small spot of civil arts, compared to their long course of ignorance before and after, bears some resemblance with the coun-

“try itself; where there are some few little vallies,
 “and wells, and pleasant shades of palm trees; but
 “those lying in the midst of deserts and unpassable
 “tracts of sand.” Hist. of Roy. Soc. p. 45.

10. Zeuxis the famous painter, before he sat down to a picture, used to animate his fancy by reading some passage in Homer relative to his subject.—A good hint to those who are about to compose in prose and verse.

11. Every man has a certain manner and character in writing and speaking, which he spoils and loses by a too close and servile imitation of another; as Bishop Felton, an imitator of Bishop Andrews, observed—“I had almost marred my own natural trot, by endeavouring to imitate his artificial amble.”—Wanley, 647.

12. It was a rule with Archbishop Williams, to give himself some recreation before he sat down to compose, and that in proportion to the importance of the composition.—See his Life in Lloyd’s Worthies, p. 379.—Dr. H. More, after finishing one of his most laborious and painful works, exclaimed—“Now, for these three months, I will neither think a wise thought, nor speak a wise word, nor do an ill thing.”—Life in the Biog. Dict.

13. In an oration, one would wish that the whole should be well composed, and suitable to the dignity of the subject. But let the progress to what is great and brilliant be gentle and gradual. Such is
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the rule and method of Nature in all her works. At the first dawning of the brightest day that ever shone, light and darkness were scarcely distinguishable. Lawfon, 380.

14. In compositions, young writers produce the *most*, but old ones the *best*, as Lord Bacon observes of *grapes*.—"The vine beareth more grapes when it is young; but grapes that make better wine when it is old; for that the juice is better concocted."

15. Style should resemble the atmosphere of Italy, which "embellishes all objects by shewing them with clearness; for which reason, its gulfs, its woods, its cascades, and its meads, have a grace unknown beneath other skies." M. Sherlock's Letters, p. 21.

16. The author of Hudibras had a common-place-book, in which he had repositied, not such events or precepts as are gathered by reading; but such remarks, similitudes, allusions, assemblages, or inferences, as occasion prompted, or meditation produced; those thoughts that were generated in his own mind, and might be usefully applied to some future purpose. Such is the labour of those who write for immortality. Johnson, i. 288.

17. Augustus loved correctness and accuracy in all his compositions, and never delivered his mind on any serious matter, even in his own family, without memorials or written notes. Ferguson, Rom. Hist.—A method practised and recommended by Bolingbroke and
Chester-

Chesterfield, to attain a habit of correctness in speaking.—So Bishop Atterbury of *writing*, “Let nothing, though of a trifling nature, pass through your pen negligently.” Letters, i. 118.

CONSCIENCE.

1. A MAN reproached with a crime of which he knows himself to be innocent, should feel no more uneasiness than if he was said to be ill when he felt himself in perfect health.

2. When Cleomenes was on the point of taking a bribe from Aristagoras, his virtue was preserved by his daughter, a child of *nine years old*, who exclaimed, “Fly, father, or this stranger will corrupt you.” Conscience would often perform this office for us, if we would attend to its admonitions.

3. The same power (conscience) should do for us, respecting our passions and appetites, what an attendant was ordered every day at dinner to do for Darius, after the burning of Sardis, respecting his enemies—cry out, *Remember the Athenians*,

CONTENTMENT.

1. When Christ bade us limit our cares to the day that is passing over us, he consulted our natural quiet no less than our spiritual welfare; since the chief sources of most men’s uneasiness are chagrin
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at what is past, and forebodings of what is to come. Whereas, “ what is past ought to give us no uneasiness, except that of repentance for our faults, and what is to come ought much less to affect us, because with regard to us and our concerns, it is not, and perhaps never will be.”

2. Plutarch, speaking of that inviolable friendship which subsisted between Pelopidas and Epaminondas, says, “ The true and only cause of this excellent conduct was their virtue, which kept them, in all their actions, from aiming at *wealth* and *glory*, which fatal contentions are always attended with *envy*; but being both equally inflamed with a divine ardour to make their country prosperous and happy by their administration, they looked upon each other’s success as their own.”

3. In general, as he observes, among the Grecians, the personal enmity borne by great men of the same city to each other, exceeded that which they bore to the enemies of their country. The same passions have operated in the same manner among Christians, of which we have a remarkable instance at the siege of Constantinople by Mahomet II. when such was the animosity subsisting between the Greeks and Latins, within the city, that one of the former declared, he had rather see a Turk’s turban in Constantinople than a Cardinal’s cap.

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4. When old Dioclesian was called from his retreat, and invited to resume the purple, which he had laid down some years before, “ Ah ! (said he) if you “ could see those fruits and herbs at Salona, which “ I cultivate with my own hands, you would never “ talk to me of empire.”

CONVERSATION AND COMPANY.

1. DR. ARBUTHNOT, in his book upon Aliment, tells us, (p. 7.) that “ in general, whatever be the state of the *tongue*, the same is that of the inward “ coat of the *stomach* ;” for which reason physicians look at one to discover the foulness of the other. Such propriety is there in that axiom of our Lord, “ Out of the abundance of the *heart* the *mouth* “ speaketh.”

2. A man's *countenance* should be well watched by him who would know his mind ; for, in spite of all endeavours, one will very often be the index of the other. See Collier on the Aspect : Essays, ii. 121.

3. A man's real sentiments often discover themselves by *words* spoken on a sudden, in drink, in anger, in pride, in grief.

4. The deepest designs are sometimes made manifest by *deeds* of kindness done, without a visible cause, to a man or to his dependents, secretly to gain him or them from him.

5. Wise and reserved men are best expounded by knowing the *ends* they have in view, as such work uniformly

uniformly on a preconcerted plan; but weak and simple persons by their *natures*, because they do many things absurdly, and without reason; as one, who had been a Pope's nuncio in a certain kingdom, when, upon his return, his opinion was asked with regard to a successor, gave his advice, "That in any case his Holiness should *not* send one too wise," "because," said he, "no wise man would ever imagine what they in that country were like to do."

6. You will best learn a man's weaknesses and faults from his enemies, his virtues and abilities from his friends, his hours and customs from his servants, his sentiments and opinions from his confidants.

7. It is expedient to have an acquaintance with those who have looked into the world, who know men, understand business, and can give good intelligence and good advice when they are wanted.

8. Knowledge is to be obtained from some men by being free and talkative, which provokes them to be so too; from others by reservedness and taciturnity, which induce them to trust and deposit their secrets with us.

9. In all conferences and negotiations a watchful and present wit is necessary, to promote the main matter, and yet observe incidental circumstances; as Epictetus gives it in precept, that every philosopher should say to himself, "I will do this also, and yet go on in my course."

10. Of other men's affairs it may be sometimes useful to know much, but it is always necessary to say little.—The emptiest of all characters is a busy-body.

Της πολυπραγμοσύνης ουδεν κενωτερον αλλο.

11. It is difficult to account for the choice which some men make of their companions. Lycas, the peripatetic, had a goose that lived with him, walked with him, attended him upon all occasions, and, when it died, was buried as a brother, with burial philosophic.—See Ælian de Animal. lib. vii. c. 36.

12. Great abilities and fine accomplishments are often concealed under the most unpromising appearance; as travellers have observed, that the mountains which contain within them mines of gold, silver, and precious stones, are generally barren.

13. Among the Athenians, the greatest festal pleasure consisted in a flow of learned, sprightly and polite conversation, as agreeable, in a word, as useful and interesting. The Banquet of Plato and that of Xenophon give us a model of the ordinary table-talk of the Athenians; and it was thus that they prevented the two extremes of licentious mirth and irksome weariness, which preside but too often at most long meals.—Goguet, xi. 225.

14. Compliments uttered *pro forma*, by those that hate one, bring to mind the ceremonies used in Spain, where a captain never corrects his soldier without

without first asking his leave, and the Inquisition never burns a Jew without making an apology to him.

15. A man should be very well established in faith and virtue, who attempts to reclaim a witty and agreeable profligate: otherwise, he may become a convert, instead of making one. Chapelle, a person of this character, was met one day in the street by his friend Boileau, who took the opportunity of mentioning to him his habit of drinking, and the consequences of it. Unfortunately, they were just by a tavern. Chapelle only desired they might step in there, and promised he would listen patiently and attentively. Boileau consented; and the event was, that, about one in the morning, they were carried home, dead drunk, and in separate coaches.

“ 16. I am no niggard according to my ability to impart what I know; but it is where I find some appetite: otherwise my most familiar friends, some of them, are as ignorant of my notions as any stranger; for, if they discover no stomach, I use not to examine them, no not to offer them; and it would be in vain.—
 “ Pauci enim inviti discunt. Few learn against their will.”—Mede, 811.—So again, 815—“ I am not unwilling to communicate to you most of my tow, [material—from *tow* or *hemp*, for ropes] because I perceive you make some account of them; for in the university where I live, I know not a second man that understands any thing concerning such mysteries, or desires to be made acquainted with them.”

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17. I have somewhere met with an observation, that conversation, in the first part of the morning, is like a *dram*; it heats, and hurries, and muddles, and incapacitates for business, which should therefore be entered upon, previously to visiting and chit-chat, with a mind calm, and cool, and undisturbed. I believe this is true.

18. Never *Speak*, but when you have something to *say*—"Wherefore shouldest thou run, seeing thou hast no tidings?"—See Bishop Butler's excellent sermon on the *Tongue*.

COUNCIL.

1. WHAT Gregory Nazianzen says of ecclesiastical Synods, in his tract *de Differentiis Vitæ*, is remarkable: *Mibi certum est deliberatumque, nunquam posthac anserum aut gruum temerè inter se pugnantium synodis interesse*.—On this point my resolution is fixed, never again to be present at synods of geese and cranes, employed solely in fighting with each other.—And so Procopius, *Se nullius synodi felicem vidisse exitum*—That he had never seen good consequences result from a synod.

2. Wise men, when they meet together in numbers, sometimes make foolish determinations. Montesquieu, in his *Persian Letters*, speaking of the quarrel of Ramus, which obliged the legislature of France to interpose, says—"It looks as if the heads of the greatest men *idiotized*, when they meet together." Letter cix.—The truth, perhaps, is, that interest, bashful-

bashfulness, indolence, or some other cause, occasions men, who could give the best opinions, to withhold them, and yield to those of others more forward and domineering.—See Jortin on the Various Motives by which the several Members of an Ecclesiastical Council may happen to be actuated. Remarks on Eccl. Hist. ii. 185.

COURAGE OF DIFFERENT SORTS.

WHEN Pelopidas was cited to be tried, that valour, which was haughty and intrepid in fight, forsook him before his judges. His air and discourse, timid and low, denoted a man who was afraid of death. Contrary behaviour of Epaminondas.

CRITICISM LITERAL.

1. "I AM almost tired of it," said Mr. Bryant to me, May 21, 1785. "It is often employed in removing little inequalities on the surface, when I want to have a *shaft* sunk, and the rich *ore* drawn forth from the mine within." He had been mentioning the new editions of Apollodorus, Virgil, &c. by the Germans, Heyne, &c. May not the same observation be applied to *some* of the notes by Lowth, Blayney, and Newcome, on the SS. and to the generality of the various readings amassed by Kennicott?

2. Critics, by their severity, infest authors, as the African ants do the Negroes; but like them answer one good purpose, by destroying all the carrion.

CUDWORTH.

HIS Collections for the remaining part of his Intellectual System, and Daniel's Weeks, in 3 vols. folio, after many adventures and mutilations, were lodged in the British Museum.—See an account of this matter in Crit. Review for May 1783, p. 391. Sold by Lord Masham, pillaged by Dodd as Locke's, and thrown into a garret by Davis. The fate of posthumous writings is treated by Johnson in one of his papers; whence he deduces an argument for a man's working up his materials, and publishing them himself; not *collecting* in infinitum, and then leaving those collections to be employed by the cook of his executor in fingeing a goose.

DEATH.

1. THERE is something very affecting in the words spoken by the gallant Sir Philip Sidney to his brother, just before his death, occasioned by a wound received in battle—"Love my memory, cherish my friends; but, above all, govern your will and affections by the will and word of the Creator; in me beholding the end of this world, with all her vanities."

2. Saint Aldegonde, a protestant in the Low Countries, when imprisoned under the Duke of Alva, tells us, that "for three months together he recommended himself to God every night, as if that would be his
"last;

“last; the Duke having twice ordered him to be put “to death in prison.” Ought not every man to do this, as no man can be certain he shall awake on the morrow?—Gen. Dict.

3. In the journey of life, as in other journies, it is a pleasing reflection, that we have friends who are thinking of us at home, and who will receive us with joy when our journey is at an end.

4. The learned Grotius, at the approach of death, would gladly have exchanged all his learning and honour for the plain integrity of one Jean Urick, a devout poor man, who spent eight hours of his time in devotion, eight in labour, eight in sleep and other refreshments.—*Prob! Vitam perdidit operosè nihil-agendo*!—Alas! I have wasted my time in being very busy and doing nothing.—See Doddridge, Fam. Expos. sect. 14.

5. We often indulge a melancholy pleasure, in thinking that we shall be remembered, and regretted, after our death. How little is to be built on such imaginations, we may learn from the example of Queen Elizabeth, who, when she had closed a long and glorious reign with her life, “was in four days’ time as “much forgotten, as if she had never existed, by all “the world, and even by her own servants.”—See Carte’s Hist. iii. 708.

6. When Gesner found his last hour approaching, he gave orders to be carried into his *study*, that he might meet death in a place which had been most agreeable to him all his life.

7. When Mr. Paschal observed any of his friends to be afflicted at seeing the sickness and pain he underwent, he would say—"Do not be so concerned for me. Sickness is the natural state of a Christian, because by it we are what we ought always to be, in a state of suffering evils, mortified to the pleasures of sense, exempt from all those passions which work upon us as long as we live, free from ambition or avarice, and in a constant expectation of death. And is it not a great happiness to be by necessity in that state one ought to be in, and to have nothing else to do, but humbly and peaceably to submit to it?"—This is a noble, a just, a comfortable speculation!

8. It was a saying among the Brachmans, that our life ought to be considered as a state of *conception*, and death as a *birth* to a true and happy life.—This thought seems just, and capable, on the Christian plan, of being improved into a curious and useful speculation.—See Biograph. Dict. art. *Gymnosophists*.

9. When we rise fresh and vigorous in the morning, the world seems fresh too, and we think we shall never be tired of business or pleasure. But by that time the evening is come, we find ourselves heartily so; we quit all its enjoyments readily and gladly; we retire willingly into a little cell; we lie down in darkness, and resign ourselves to the arms of sleep, with perfect satisfaction and complacency.—Apply this to youth and old age, life and death.

10. Apply to the death of an afflicted Christian the

beautiful lines of the poet, on the heartfelt pleasure of finding oneself at home, after a toilsome journey :

O quid solutis est beatius curis ?
Quum mens onus reponit, ac *peregrino*
Labore fessi venimus larem ad nostrum,
Desideratoque acquiescimus lecto.—
Hoc est, quod unum est pro laboribus tantis.

11. Young, healthy, and strong as we may now be, yet a little while, and we shall become qualified to join the chorus of the Spartan old men ;

Ἀλλες ποτ' ἤμεν ἀλκιμοὶ νεανίαι.—

12. When sickness and sorrow come upon a Christian, and order him to prepare for death, he should be able to say in the words of Æneas,

Nulla mihi nova nunc facies inopinaque furgit.
Omnia præcepi, atque animo mecum ante peregi.
ÆN. lib. vi. 104.

No terror to my view,
No frightful face of danger, can be new.
Inur'd to suffer, and resolv'd to dare,
The fates, without my pow'r, shall be without my care.
DRYDEN, 155.

13. Adeon' rem rediisse, ut, qui mihi consultum esse optumè velit, PATREM extimescam, ubi in inentem ejus ADVENTI venit? Quod ni fuissèm incogitans, ita eum expectarem ut par fuit!—PHORM. act. i. sc. 3.

Is it come to this?
 My father, Phædria!—my best friend!—that I
 Should tremble, when I think of his return!
 When, had I not been inconsiderate,
 I, as 'tis meet, might have expected him!

COLMAN.

14. Cum tuba magna sonum dederit, cum venerit hora
 Judicii, inter oves da mihi, Christe, locum.
 Sis mihi, sis *Jesus*, ne me maledictio tangat;
 Dulcis in aure sonet vox, "Benedicite, veni!"

DIETERIC. ii. 581.

15. A Christian may say of death, what Orestes,
 in Sophocles, says of the *report* of being dead:

Τι γὰρ με λυπεί τὰθ' ὅτ' ἂν λόγῳ θανάων,
 Ἐργοῖσι σωθῶ, κα' ξενεγκώμαι κλέος;

ELECTRA, 59.

Why should this grieve me, that in words I die,
 When I in deeds am saved, and by them rais'd
 To glory?

POTTER.

16. They, who have done much, pride themselves
 in a short epitaph; they, who have done little, in a
 long one.

17. The different ranks and orders of mankind may
 be compared to so many streams and rivers of running
 water. All proceed from an original small and ob-
 scure; some spread wider, travel over more countries
 and make more noise in their passage, than others;
 but all tend alike to an ocean, where distinction ceases,
 and where the largest and most celebrated rivers are
 equally

equally lost and absorbed with the smallest and most unknown streams.

18. *Immatura perî; sed tu felicior annos
Vive tuos, conjux optime, vive meos.*

I died untimely; happier doom be thine;
Live out thy years, dear husband! live out *mine*.

19. *On viewing the Deanry House, by Dr. Smith, late Dean
of Chester.*

Within this pile of mould'ring stones
The Dean hath laid his wearied bones;
In hope to end his days in quiet,
Exempt from nonsense, noise, and riot;
And pass, nor teas'd by fool nor knave,
From this still mansion to his grave.
Such there, like richer men's, his lot,
To be in four days' time forgot.

See his Poetic Works and Life.

20. It is an evil disposition in some men to revile and publish the faults of those who are no longer alive to answer for themselves. It is the disposition of vultures, jackalls and hyænas, who prey upon carcases, and root up the dead.

DESPAIR.

THE most tremendous circumstance recorded of that most dreadful scourge the plague of Athens is, that the instant a person was seized he was struck with despair, which quite disabled him from attempting his cure.

DEVOTION.

1. HE, who seldom thinks of heaven, is not likely to get thither, as the only way to hit the mark is to keep the eye fixed upon it.

2. The soldier, saith Xenophon, who first serves God, and then obeys his captain, may confidently hope to overcome his enemy. The case is the same in spirituals.

3. THE Vestal Virgins were wont to spend ten years in learning their religion, ten years in practising it, and ten years in teaching the young Vestals.

4. He, who hath his thoughts about him, can enjoy no bodily pleasure while he thinks his soul is in danger of hell fire. But the reflection that all is right with respect to another world doubles every joy we can taste in this. As Livy tells us of Paulus Æmilius, who had vanquished Perseus, but for a while thought he had lost his son Scipio—*Ne sincero gaudio frueretur, cura de minore filio stimulabat*. When his son returned alive and well, *Tunc demum, recepto sospite filio, victoriæ tantæ gaudium consul sensit*. Lib. xlv. sect. 44.—His anxiety respecting his youngest son prevented his satisfaction from being complete. But when his son returned alive and well, then at last the Consul opened his mind to the full enjoyment of so great a victory.—The pleasures of sense are pleasures only to the virtuous, and the Christian, after all, turns out to be the true epicure.

5. Boerhaave,

5. Boerhaave, through life, consecrated the first hour after he rose in the morning to meditation and prayer; declaring, that from thence he derived vigour and aptitude for business, together with equanimity under provocations, and a perfect conquest over his irascible passions. "The sparks of calumny," he would say, "will be presently extinct of themselves, unless you blow them*"; and therefore, in return, he chose rather to commend the good qualities of his calumniators (if they had any) than to dwell upon the "bad."—Life, p. 53.

6. To our Saviour and his commands may be applied, with propriety, what Hamlet, in Shakspeare, says of the injunctions of his father's ghost—

——Remember thee!—

Yea, from the table of my memory
I'll wipe away all trivial fond records,
All saws of books, all forms, all pressures past,
That youth and observation copied there;
And thy commandment all alone shall live
Within the book and volume of my brain,
Unmixt with baser matter——

7. To one who knows much of religion, and practises little, may be applied what Milton says of Satan perched on the tree of life—

—————Nor on the virtue thought
Of that live-giving plant, but only us'd
For prospect, what, well used, had been the pledge
Of immortality; so little knows

* Spreta exolefcunt; si irascere, ignita videntur.

Any, but God alone, to value right
 The good before him, but perverts best things
 To worst abuse, or to their meanest use.

P. L. iv. 196.

8. Lord Astley, before he charged, at the battle of Edgehill, made this short prayer—"O Lord, thou knowest how busy I must be this day. If I forget thee, do not thou forget me!" There were certainly, says Hume, much longer prayers said in the parliamentary army; but I doubt if there was so good an one. Vol. vii. p. 65.

9. The divine, who spends all his time in study, and contemplation on objects ever so sublime and glorious, while his people are left uninstructed, acts the same part the eagle would do, that should sit all day staring at the sun, while her young ones were starving in the nest.

10. Dr. Ogden's secret for rendering the commandments easy is—LOVE. The saying of Madam Chevreuse is true in the *highest* sense. "Without love, you can never rely on the heart of a person at a minute's warning; you can never inspire it with that fervor and vivacity so necessary in whatever you wish to obtain."

11. Apply to the BIBLE these two lines of Tibullus;

Te spectem, suprema mihi cum venerit hora,
 Te teneam moriens deficiente manu!

and the following of Pythagoras;

ΤΑΥΤΑ ΠΟΙΕΙ, ΤΑΥΤ' ΕΚΜΕΛΕΤΑ, ΤΟΥΤΩΝ ΧΡΗ ΕΡΑΝ ΣΕ,
 ΤΑΥΤΑ ΣΕ ΤΗΣ ΣΕΙΝΣ ΑΡΕΤΗΣ ΕΙΣ ΙΧΝΙΑ ΘΗΣΕΙ.

12. Aben

12. Aben Ezra, on Exod. xxxviii. 8. extols the generosity of those women who devoted to the construction of a holy vessel (the laver) those utensils of self-love (their brazen mirrors) for which the persons of their sex have so great an inclination, and who shewed, by such a sacrifice, that they preferred the service of God to the pleasures and vanities of the world.—Saurin, Diff. 466.

Thomas Aquinas's Prayer before Study.

Ineffably wise and good Creator, illustrious original, true fountain of light and wisdom, vouchsafe to infuse into my understanding some ray of thy brightness, thereby removing that two-fold darkness under which I was born, of sin and ignorance.

Thou that makest the tongues of infants eloquent, instruct, I pray thee, my tongue likewise; and pour upon my lips the grace of thy benediction.

Give me quickness to comprehend, and memory to retain: give me happiness in expounding, a facility in learning, and a copious eloquence in speaking.

Prepare my entrance on the road of science, direct me in my journey, and bring me safely to the end of it, even happiness and glory, in thine eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—See the Latin.

DISPUTATION.

1. DISPUTATION makes us ready and expert in using the knowledge we have, but sufficeth not for the acquisition of more. It is *exercise*, but not *food*.—Hist. of R. S. p. 18.

2. It is but too much a custom to give ill names to those who differ from us in opinion. Dr. Hammond mentions, as a humourous instance of it, that when a Dutchman's horse does not go as he would have him, he in great rage calls him an *Arminian*.

DUELLING.

FROM the Will of Colonel Thomas, dated London, September 3, 1783.

“ I AM now called upon, and, by the rules of what
 “ is called honour, forced into a personal interview
 “ with Col. Gordon. God only can know the event;
 “ and into his hands I commit my soul, conscious
 “ only of having done my duty. In the first place I
 “ commit my soul to Almighty God, in hopes of his
 “ mercy and pardon for the irreligious step I now (in
 “ compliance with the unwarrantable customs of this
 “ wicked world) put myself under the necessity of
 “ taking.”

ECCLESIASTICUS.

THE *late* Sir Edward Dering used to say, "He did not pretend to understand much of the Bible, but he was sure the gentleman who wrote that book knew the world as well as any man that ever lived in it." Sept. 29, 1782. There is more good sense, and are better precepts for the conduct of life, than in all the morality of the heathen. Dr. Campbell, Biog. Brit. iii. 215. (It is pity but a small and fair edition of the Greek were printed for the use of scholars and preachers.)

ECSTASIES.

THERE is a set of Mahometan heretics, who excuse themselves from going the pilgrimage to Mecca, affirming, that the purity of their souls, their sublime contemplations, &c. shew them Mecca and Mahomet's tomb, without stirring out of their cells.—They are called Ebrbuharites.

EDUCATION.

1. So important a concern did the right education of children appear to Augustus Cæsar, that, when master of the world, he himself attended to that of his grandchildren. *Nepotes et literas, et alia rudimenta, per se plerumque docuit: ac nihil æque laboravit, quam ut imitarentur chirographum suum. Neque*
cœnavit

cœnavit una, nisi ut in lecto assiderent : neque iter fecit, nisi ut vehiculo anteirent, aut circa adequitarent. Sueton. August. 64. Ernest.—He himself instructed his grandsons in the rudiments of literature and science, and was peculiarly assiduous to teach them to imitate his own hand-writing. They always supped in his company, and were placed on the lowest couch; and on all his journies they either preceded him in another carriage, or rode on horseback by his side.

So in the same place, with respect to the girls—*Filiam & neptes ita instituit, ut etiam lanificio assuefaceret, vetaretque loqui aut agere quidquam, nisi pro palam, & quod in diurnos commentarios referretur.*—His daughter and grand-daughters by his direction were carefully taught to spin; and they were habituated to speak and act on all occasions so openly, that every word and deed might be entered in a journal.

2. The Neapolitan jockies break in their colts with so rough a hand, and such want of temper, that the animal's spirit is quite beaten down: I once saw one thrown down by a brutal fellow, and almost strangled.—Travels in the Sicilies.

3. Such is the force of education and habit, that there is hardly a quaker to be found, young or old, who has not the command of the irascible passions. Why can it not be so with others?

4. “In the schools of philosophy anciently, says Goldsmith (i. 339.) “were taught the great maxims
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of true policy; the rules of every kind of duty; the motives for a true discharge of them; what we owe to our country; the right use of authority; wherein true courage consists; in a word, the qualities that form the good citizen, statesman, and great captain; and in all these Epaminondas excelled.”—See his character there drawn—eloquence, knowledge, modesty—knew not what it was to be ostentatious. Spintherus said of him, “he had never met “with a man, who knew more or spoke less.” O that our young statesmen and officers would copy him!—Agefilas, himself a great commander, seeing him passing at the head of his infantry, after having attentively considered and followed him with his eyes a long time, could not help crying out, in admiration of him, *O the wonder-working man!*

5. Indulgence, when shewn in too great a degree by parents to children, generally meets with a bad return. It seems to awaken a strange malignity in human nature towards those who have thus *displayed* an injudicious fondness. Children delight in vexing such parents. There may be two reasons—1. It makes them feel foolish, to be so *cockered* and teased with kindness.—2. It discovers a weakness, over which they can insult and triumph. But whatever may be the cause, it furnishes an argument to parents, why they should never practise this behaviour towards their children. (The late miseries of France arose under the government of a kind and indulgent monarch.)

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6. We are all in a state of education for the kingdom of heaven, *in statu pupillari*, upon earth: the education of our immortal spirits is our sole business. For this we are formed in the womb, and pass through the several stages of infancy, youth, and manhood. Studies of the school fit us for manhood; so manhood, and the several occupations consequent upon it, is a state of preparation for something else. Faith and practice are the end of wisdom and knowledge, and prepare us for the conversation, society and intercourse of angels, as wisdom and knowledge prepare us for the conversation of men.

7. Milton's plan of education has more of show than value. He does not recommend those studies to boys, which, as Cicero says, *adolescenciam alunt*. Instead of laying a stress on such authors as open and enlarge a young understanding, he prescribes an early acquaintance with geometry and physics: but these will teach no generous sentiments, nor inculcate such knowledge as is of use at all times and on all occasions. Mathematics and astronomy do not enter into the proper improvement and general business of the mind—such sciences do not apply to the manners, nor operate upon the character. They are extraneous and technical. They are useful; but useful as the knowledge of his art is to the artificer. An excellent writer observes, we are perpetually moralists, but we are geometers only by chance. Our intercourse with intellectual nature is necessary; our speculations

tions upon matter are voluntary and at leisure. Physical knowledge is of such rare emergence, that one man may know another half his life, without being able to estimate his skill in hydrostatics or astronomy: but his moral and prudential character immediately appears. Those authors therefore are to be read at schools, that supply most axioms of prudence, most principles of moral truth, and most materials for conversation; and these purposes are best served by poets, orators, and historians. (Wharton, 117.) Milton afterwards reasoned better on this subject, P. L. viii. 191.

EIDER.

THIS is a bird in Iceland. It lays most eggs in rainy weather: as soon as the young ones are out of the egg, the mother leads them to the shore: when they come to the water side, she takes them upon her back, and swims with them for the space of a few yards, when she dives, and the young ones, who are left floating on the water, are obliged to take care of themselves. So the parent carries children into the world, *dives*, and leaves them to combat with its waves.—Van Troil's Letters.

ELOQUENCE.

FOR the difference between Cicero's eloquence and that of some who styled themselves *Attic*, dealing in

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short sentences and turns, like Pliny afterwards, see Middleton's *Life of Cicero*, iii. 332. Is there not at this time a similar decline in England from the true, nervous flowing eloquence—particularly of the pulpit? Dr. *Blair* is the *Pliny*.

EMPLOYMENT.

1. EMPLOYMENT is the best cure for *grief*; as Tacitus tells us of Agricola, that, when he had lost his son, *in luctu bellum inter remedia erat*—he resorted to war as a remedy against grief. In *Vitâ*, sect. 28.

2. Cheerfulness is the daughter of *employment*, and I have known a man come home in high spirits from a funeral, merely because he had had the management of it.

3. Anxiety and melancholy are best dispelled and kept at a distance by *employment*. On the day before the battle of Pharsalia, Plutarch tells us, when dinner was ended in the camp, while others either went to sleep, or were disquieting their minds with apprehensions concerning the approaching battle, Brutus employed himself in writing till the evening, composing an epitome of Polybius.

ENEMIES.

THE use to be made of their revilings, &c. is thus set forth by bishop Taylor: "Our enemies perform accidentally the office of friends: they tell

us our faults, with all their deformities and aggravations: they offer us affronts, which exercise our patience, and restrain us from scandalous crimes, lest we become a *scorn and reproof to them that hate us*. And it is not the least of God's mercies, that he permits enmities among men, by means of which our failings are reproved more sharply, and corrected with more severity and simplicity than they would otherwise be. The gentle hand of a friend is more apt to bind our wounds up, than to probe them and make them smart."—See Life of Christ, fol. p. 541.

ENVY.

ENVY pines at the applauses which virtue receives, as Plutarch tells us, that when Titus Flaminus, by conquering Philip, had restored the Grecian cities to their freedom, the acclamations of the people assembled at the celebration of the Isthmian games caused the crows, as they were flying over the stage, to drop down dead upon it.—In Vitâ Flamin.

EPAMINONDAS.

HIS HUMILITY AND PATRIOTISM.

HIS enemies, jealous of his glory, with a design to affront him, caused him to be elected the city scavenger. He accepted the place with thanks, and declared, that instead of deriving honour from his

office, he would give it dignity in his turn.—I dare say kennels never were so well scoured before.

EVIL.

ORIGIN OF IT.

1. THE philosophers of old saw the world overflowed by a torrent of corruption, as the Egyptians beheld their country every year deluged by the Nile. Both were equally to seek for the spring-head and cause of these effects.

2. The ancient philosophers speak of man's degeneracy, with its consequences, in a much better way than many, who pretend to be friends to reason and to Christ, but are so to neither, while they make it their business to extenuate the fall of man, and the corruption introduced thereby into human nature. See some wonderful citations in Orig. Sacr. iii. 3.

EULER.

EULER lived at Petersburg during the administration of Biron, one of the most tyrannical ministers that ever breathed. On the philosopher's coming to Berlin, after the tyrant's death, the late Queen of Prussia, who could hardly get a word out of him, asked him the reason of his silence.—“Because,” said he, “I come from a place where if a man says a word he is hanged.”

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EURIPIDES.

MANY of the Athenians, during their captivity at Syracuse, owed the good usage they met with to the scenes of Euripides, which they repeated to their captors, who were extremely fond of them. On their return, they went and saluted that poet as their deliverer, and informed him of the admirable effects wrought in their favour by his verses. Scarce any circumstance could be more pleasing and flattering than this testimony.

EXERCISE.

THE most common cause of fatness is too great a quantity of food, and too small a quantity of motion; in plain English, gluttony and laziness. I am of opinion, that spare diet and labour will keep constitutions, where this disposition is strongest, from being fat. You may see in an army forty thousand foot soldiers, without a fat man amongst them: and I dare affirm, that by plenty and rest twenty of the forty shall grow fat.—Arbuthnot.

FACTION.

WHILE a faction entertain their old principles, it is folly to suppose they will not, when opportunity serves, return to their old practices. *Quæro, quid facturi fuissetis? Quanquam quid facturi fueritis non*

dubitem, cum videam quid feceritis. Cic. pro Ligario.
The fine lady will be the *cat* she was, when a *mouse* runs before her.

FAITH.

1. In the affairs of this world, as husbandry, trade, &c. men *know* little and *believe* much. In the affairs of another world, they would know every thing, and believe nothing.

2. If we are rationally led, upon clear principles and good evidence, to believe a point, it is no objection that the point is mysterious and difficult to be accounted for. A man in his senses will not deny the phenomenon of the harvest moon, because he cannot *solve* it.

3. When the Jews attribute the miracles of our Saviour to the power of magic, they prove the facts, without disproving the cause to which we ascribe them.

4. Enthusiasts require assurance, and philosophers will be content with nothing less than *demonstration*. But how is it in the affairs of common life? The soldier does not ask a demonstration, whether, in the day of battle, he shall be crowned with victory, or covered with disgrace; but, fearing the worst, and hoping the best, he minds his duty: the merchant does not want a demonstration concerning the returns of his trade: the husbandman cannot promise himself a plentiful crop, proportioned to his labour and industry.

dustry. No man can assure himself that he shall see another day : but every one minds his business as if he knew for certain that he should : and he would be thought a downright madman that acted otherwise.

5. Faith is reckoned for a virtue, and rewarded as such, because, though it be an assent of the understanding upon proper evidence, the will hath a great share in facilitating or withholding such assent. For the strongest evidence will be nothing to him who does not enquire diligently after it, judge honestly and impartially of it without passion or prejudice, and frequently consider and reflect upon it from time to time through life, that it may produce its fruits, and be a principle of action. These are acts of the will, in a man's power to perform or not to perform, and therefore rewardable. On the performance or non-performance of these, not on the evidence, which is always the same, it depends, whether a man shall believe, or not : and here we must look for the true reasons why one man is a Christian, and another an Infidel.

6. Rational evidence may satisfy men's minds of the truth of a doctrine, but it is grace which must bring them to obey and adhere to it, by convincing them of its excellence, by subduing the desires and affections that militate against it, and so improving an *historical* into a *saving* faith.

7. " Experience (saith Mr. Hume) is our only guide

“in matters of fact?” Doth he mean our own experience; or that of others? If our own, we are to believe nothing but what we ourselves have seen parallel instances of; if that of others, we depend for that upon *testimony*, which alone informs us, there has been in past ages an established order and course of nature, and at certain times a violation or suspension of them.

8. There are many people who cannot see; there are more, perhaps, who will not. It is remarked of the elder Scaliger, that, in his confutation of Cardan, he would not read the second edition of the book *de Subtilitate*, in which were made a great number of corrections, lest he should be deprived of many occasions of triumphing over his adversary. Gen. Dict. Scaliger.—See another instance in Jones’s Essay, p. 191.

9. Infidelity is often punished with credulity. The prediction of a mad life-guard-man was attended to in London by those who never heeded the prophecies of Isaiah, or Jeremiah; and an impudent mountebank sold a large cargo of pills, which, as he told the people, were *excellent against earthquakes*.

10. The deist will not believe in Revelation till every difficulty can be solved. The atheist will not believe in the being of a God, but upon the same terms. They must both die in their unbelief. They should believe upon sufficient evidence, and trust God for the rest. The atheist *e. g.* cannot reconcile

cile the notion of a God with the existence of evil. But there is sufficient evidence for the existence of both. Here let us rest: God has his reasons for permitting evil, or he would not have permitted it. If he has been pleased to discover them in his word, or if we can discover them by a view of things, well: if not, still, reasons there are; and what we cannot know now, we shall know hereafter.

11. No *cloud* can overshadow a true Christian, but his faith will discern a *rainbow* in it.

12. First Tim. iv. 6. *Nourished up in the words of faith.*—"It is one thing for a man to enlighten his understanding, to fill his imagination, and to load his memory; and another to *nourish* his heart with it. A man *nourishes* himself with it, if he lives upon it; and he lives upon it, if he changes it into his own substance, if he practise it himself, if he render it proper and familiar unto himself, so as to make it the food and *nourishment* with which he ought to feed others."—Queſnel, in loc.

FALSE LEARNING.

1. SOME people rate the modern improvements in religious knowledge by the volumes of metaphysical subtilties written upon the subject; as the Emperor Heliogabalus formed an estimate of the greatness of Rome, from ten thousand pound weight of cobwebs which had been found in that city.

2. Two learned physicians and a plain honest countryman, happening to meet at an inn, sat down to dinner together. A dispute presently arose between the two doctors, on the nature of aliment, which proceeded to such a height, and was carried on with so much fury, that it spoiled their meal, and they parted extremely indisposed. The countryman, in the mean time, who understood not the cause, though he heard the quarrel, fell heartily to his meat, gave God thanks, digested it well, returned in the strength of it to his honest labour, and at evening received his wages. Is there not sometimes as much difference between the *polemical* and *practical* Christian?

3. Aristotle, in his *Metaphysics*, disputes against certain philosophers, who, it seems, held, that a thing might *be*, and *not be*, at the same time.

4. Many parts of what is called *learning* resemble the man's horse, which had but two faults; he was hard to catch, and good for nothing when he was caught. —See Warton's Preface to *Theocritus*, p. 17.

—Fools shall be pull'd

From wisdom's feat; those baleful unclean birds,
Those lazy owls, who, perch'd near fortune's top,
Sit only watchful with their heavy wings
To cuff down new-fledg'd virtues, that would rise
To nobler heights, and make the grove harmonious.

Pierre, of lazy Senators, in Venice Preserved.

5. The science called *Metaphysics* seems never to have been of service to true religion, but only to have
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obscured and darkened its truths, which, under that cover, have often been stolen away by its enemies. May it not be compared to the *mist*, or *fog*, described by Homer, as spread on the tops of the hills ;

Ποιμεσιν ὅτι φίλην, κλεπτήν δὲ τῆ νυκτός ἀμεινω.—Il. γ. 11.

Swift-gliding mists the dusky fields invade,
To thieves more grateful than the midnight shade.

POPE'S Il. b iii. v. 17.

6. Superstition often leads to Atheism. Many Turks are Epicureans ; and in countries where Popery prevails, the *philosophers*, as they affect to call themselves, are running apace into Materialism. When a man has been cheated by a rogue pretending to honesty, he is apt too hastily to conclude, there is no such thing as honesty in the world.

7. *Magic* was originally nothing more than the application of natural philosophy to the production of surprising but yet natural effects. Chemists had opportunities of being best acquainted with the elements and their operations, and were the greatest magicians, and reputed conjurers.

8. Sir Henry Wotton ordered the following inscription to be put on his monument—

Disputandi pruritus ecclesiarum scabies.

The itch of disputation is the bane of the church.

9. The same person being asked, if he thought a Papist could be saved ? “ You may be saved,” replied he,

he, "without knowing that."—An excellent answer to the questions of impertinent curiosity in religious matters.

10. Many persons spend so much time in criticizing and disputing about the Gospel, that they have none left for practising it. As if two sick men should quarrel about the phraseology of their physician's prescription, and forget to take the medicine.

11. "Geo. Trapezuntius had a good portion of the spirit which prevailed among the learned of his times; proud, conceited, dogmatical, impatient of contradiction, and quarrelsome, he contributed, as much as any one, to falsify the maxim of Ovid—*Ingenuas didicisse*, &c." Biog. Dict.—See instance of Laurentius Valle, Valesius, Scioppius, Scaliger, Cardan, and others.

12. Never (say the moderns) were the S.S. so much studied, and so thoroughly explained, as at present. So, probably, said the Pharisees, and doctors of the law, when they crucified Christ. Refined criticisms on the sacred writings made the most fashionable branch of learning among the Jews, in comparison of which, profane literature was held in great contempt, and indeed, by many of their zealots, in great abhorrence.—See Joseph. Antiq. lib. xx. cap. ult. § ult. Doddridge i. 317.—Our Lord "received not glory from men;" he never soothed the vanity of great and learned men, in order to obtain their favour. The Jews *searched the S.S.* but it was in order to find in them their own fond fancies concerning

concerning temporal greatness, wealth and dominion.

13. Apply to the contrast between the salutary doctrines and beautiful imagery of Scripture on the one hand, and the noxious tenets and barren speculations of metaphysical scepticism on the other, the following lines of Collins in his *Oriental Eclogues*—

Here, where no springs in murmurs break away,
Or moss-crown'd fountains mitigate the day,
In vain ye hope the dear delights to know,
Which plains more blest, or verdant vales bestow;
Here rocks alone, and tasteless sands are found,
And faint and sickly winds for ever howl around.

Ecl. ii. Hassan's address to his camels travelling through the burning deserts of the East.

14. Apply to the case of a Christian what Pacatius says of Theodosius, and the treatment he received from Fortune—*Quem sceptro et solio destinaverat, nunquam indulgenter habuit: sed ut severi patres his quos diligunt tristiores sunt, ita illa te plurimis et difficillimis reipublicæ temporibus exercuit, dum aptat imperio.*—Fortune did not treat with kindness the man whom she had destined for the sceptre and the throne: but as severe parents are most harsh to the children whom most they love, so she prepared him for empire by the trials which she obliged him to sustain in the most difficult season of the republic.

15. Saurin, after mentioning some insignificant criticism upon which the commentators enlarge, makes the following very pertinent observation—"Such is the
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“ spirit of mankind, that they often consider slightly
 “ those great truths of the S.S. upon which our whole
 “ religion is founded, expatiating into discussions
 “ upon matters of no relation either to our duty or
 “ our happiness.” Diss. xxi. p. 181.—So again—
 “ It is amazing to find learned men, who would blush
 “ to employ but a few minutes in studying the or-
 “ naments that are most in fashion in their own time,
 “ and who have yet the patience to devour immense
 “ volumes, to learn with great exactness those of the
 “ remotest age,” xx. 194.—See Law’s Christ, Perfect.
 on this subject. See Saurin, 504.

16. Metaphysical speculations are lofty, but frigid ;
 as Lunardi, after ascending to an immense height in
 the atmosphere, came down covered with icicles.

17. Many fine books of religion and morality are
 already written. We are eager for more. But if we
 duly attended to the Gospel, should we want them ?
 A single short direction from God himself is au-
 thoritative and decisive. A text would save us the
 trouble of reading many dissertations ; and the time
 which we thus spend in learning—or rather, perhaps,
pretending to learn, our duty, might be spent in practising
it.

FAME.

PLACES in the Temple of Fame are a tenure,
 against which, of all others, *quo warrantos* are sure
 to be issued.

FLOWERS

FLOWERS PROSCRIBED.

WHEN the Dutch patriots were rampant in 1787, *flowers* of an orange colour were proscribed; and the officers of justice were for some time employed in removing *anemones* and *ranunculuses* from the Hague. Their restoration was soon after effected by the Prussian troops.—See Bowdler's Letters, p. 43.

FORTITUDE.

1. FREDERIC the famous Duke of Saxony was playing at chess in his tent with his cousin and fellow-prisoner the Landgrave of Litchenberg, when a writ was brought him, signed by the Emperor, for his execution the next morning, in the sight of his wife and children, and the whole city of Wittemberg. Having carefully perused it, he laid it down as a paper of no concern, and saying to the Landgrave, "Cousin, take good heed to your game," returned to his play, and gave him a check-mate.

2. It is a noble character which Ascham gives of the above mentioned Duke—"He thinketh nothing which he dare not speak, and speaketh nothing which he will not do."

3. Polybius relates, that when the battle was begun, which was to decide the fate of the Macedonian empire, Perseus basely withdrew to the city Pydne, under pretence of sacrificing to Hercules; "a god," says Plutarch, "that is not wont to regard the offerings"

“ ferings of cowards, or grant ſuch requests as are
 “ unjuſt ; it not being reaſonable, that he, who never
 “ ſhoots, ſhould carry away the prize ; that he ſhould
 “ triumph, who ſneaks from the battle ; or he who
 “ takes no pains, ſhould meet with ſucceſs. To
 “ Emilius’s petition the god liſtened ; for he prayed
 “ for victory with his ſword in his hand, and was
 “ fighting at the ſame time that he implored the divine
 “ aſſiſtance.”—An excellent hint for the Chriſtian
 ſoldier to obſerve, and improve upon.

4. “ To ſtand in fear of the people’s censure or
 “ common talk, may argue a harmleſs and peaceable
 “ mind, but never a brave and truly heroic ſoul.”
 Plutarch, 94.

5. The body’s weakneſs often proves to be the ſoul’s
 ſtrength, and men are better Chriſtians in ſickneſs
 than in health : like the ſoldier in Antigonus’s army,
 who, being naturally weak and ſickly, was a very
 hero, till, out of regard for him, the king put him
 under the care of his phyſicians, who made a cure of
 him ; after which, he never appeared ſo fond of dan-
 ger, or daring in battle, being delivered from that
 miſery which make life a burden,—Plut. in Vit.
 Pelop.

6. A general in time of peace, a pilot in a calm, and
 a clergyman when people are in health, are of very
 little account. War, ſtorm, and ſickneſs cauſe them
 all to be ſought to and conſidered in.

7. A Chriſtian is a warrior by his profeſſion, and has,
 through life, a ſucceſſion of enemies to encounter.

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Lust attacks him in the days of his youth, ambition disquiets his riper years, and avarice infects his old age. His condition reminds one of that observation of Plutarch concerning the Romans of the first ages, that “if ever God designed that men should spend their lives in war, they were the men. In their infancy they had the Carthaginians to contend with for Sicily; in their middle age the Gauls for Italy itself; and in their old age they were obliged again to contend with the Carthaginians and Hannibal.”—Vit. Marcell. ad init.

8. When a Christian beholds sickness (his last more especially) coming towards him, he should address it, as St. Andrew did the Cross, as that which he had long expected, and which would convey him to his blessed Master, by whose sufferings it had been sanctified. Let us also bear in mind, that even on the cross St. Andrew ceased not to instruct and admonish those around him. The words of a preacher, in such circumstances, never fail to make a deep and lasting impression.—*Ille verò, cum Crucem eminus intueretur, eam salutavit, hortatusque est, ut discipulum ejus, qui ei suffixus fuisset, exciperet; eam dedicatam et consecratam esse Christi corpori, ejusque membris, quasi margaritis, ornatam; diu eam defatigari ipsum expectando, quemadmodum Christum magistrum expectasset; lætum se ad illam venire, cujus desiderio jam diu teneretur: itaque orare, ut se exciperet, ac magistro redderet; ut per illam ipsum Christus reciperet, qui per eam ipsum redemisset. Cumque ventum esset ad Crucem, primum Christum ora-*

vit, deinde populum hortatus est, ut in eâ fide et religione, quam tradidisset, permaneret. In Cruce verò biduum vixit, cum interea nullum finem docendi populi fecit.— Perionius de Gestis Apostolorum.

He saluted the Cross when he beheld it afar off, and entreated it to receive him as the disciple of that Master who had himself been nailed upon it. He declared that it was dedicated and consecrated to the body of Christ, and was more adorned with his limbs than if inlaid with pearls; that it had long expected him, as it had expected his Master Christ before him; that he had long looked forward to it with impatience, and was now arrived at it with pleasure: wherefore he besought it to receive him, and restore him to his Master; that the same Cross, by which he had been redeemed, might be the instrument of conveying him to his Redeemer. When come to the foot of the Cross, he first prayed to Christ, and then exhorted the people to remain steadfast in the faith which he had delivered to them. He lived two days upon the Cross, and during all that time never ceased to admonish and instruct the people.

FRETFULNESS.

THE argument urged against it by the Psalmist deserves to be well fixed in our minds; and indeed, if it were so, we should need no other. “Fret not thyself against the ungodly, &c. FOR they shall soon be cut down like the grass,” &c. Who could
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envy a flower, though ever so gay and beautiful in its colours, when he saw that the next stroke of the mower would sweep it away for ever?

GREATNESS.

A MAN wishes for it, and cannot be easy without it: no sooner has he attained his wish, but you hear him lamenting his hard lot, complaining of cares, and troubles, and visits; he has no peace, not an hour to himself; his expenditure is greater than his income, &c. &c. All this is wrong; he only exposes his own weakness. He wanted honour and exaltation: he has got them, and must take their necessary appendages with them. If he thinks proper to receive the pay, he should not find fault with the duty. The troubles of a station are designed as an antidote to the poison of its temptations. They humble the possessor, and shew him to himself. They should be borne with meekness and patience, and made this use of. See what Fenelon has said on the *Cross of Prosperity*, ii. 143. 155. Also a sermon in Massillon's *Petit Carême*, where he shews a *court* to be the best school for learning mortification and self-denial.

GRIEF.

GRIEF is fruitless and unavailable in every case but one, viz. *sin*. We take to it kindly in every instance but that.

HAPPINESS

ON FIFTY-SIX POUNDS PER ANNUM.

A CLERGYMAN applied to the Dean of Christchurch for the little vicarage of Blenddington, then vacant, value, *de claro*, about 40*l.* per ann. "Sir," said he, "I maintain a wife and six children on 56*l.* per ann.—Not that I should regard the matter, were the income certain. But when a man considers it may be taken from him any day of the week, he cannot be quite so easy." "I will get the living for you, if I can," answered the Dean; "but I would not have you raise your expectations too high; because, if any member of the college will take it, by our rules he must have it." "O Sir," replied the divine, "it would make me the happiest man in the world!—but if I miss it, I shall not be unhappy.—I never knew what it was to be unhappy for one hour, in my whole life."

HIGH CHURCH.

A NAME invented, according to Mr. Leslie, under which the church of England might be abused with greater security. Such are declared by Steele, in his Crisis, to be worse than Papists, and the very opposite to Protestants. Leslie, in his Letter from Barle-duc, speaks of rods and tests prepared for the church of England by the Whigs, &c. had they succeeded in
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Sacheverel's trial; the intention of which was to make her *swallow her own dung*, as they said, and abjure her doctrines.

HISTORY.

1. HISTORY, in general, is an account of what men have done to make each other unhappy. In the history of the present age, it is a striking circumstance, that the historian, amidst a series of murders and calamities, is glad to relieve himself and his reader, by dwelling on so minute an incident, of a different kind, as that of the seeds sown by Anson on the desert isle of Fernandes, which the Spaniards afterwards found to be grown up; and the goats, with their cars cut, which served to verify the adventures of Selkirk, who, being left upon the island, had lived there several years.—See Age of Louis XIV. ii. 109.

2. Lord Chesterfield gives a good direction in reading history, viz. to read some short general history of a country; to mark the curious and interesting periods, such as revolutions in the government, religion, laws, &c. then to consult the larger histories for full information as to *them*.

3. It is well observed by Hume, that, in reading history, trivial incidents, which shew the manners of the age, are often more instructive as well as entertaining, than the great transactions of wars and negocia-

tions, which are nearly similar in all periods, and in all countries of the world. Vol. v. 56.

4. History, while it instructs us, flatters our pride by the manner in which that instruction is conveyed. For what we learn by *precept*, we are indebted to the wisdom and authority of another. The learning obtained from *example*, is obtained by deductions and applications of our own.

HOBBS.

“LET us do justice,” says Bishop Warburton, “to that great man’s memory, at a time his writings seem entirely neglected; whom with all his errors, and those of the most dangerous nature, we must allow to be one of the first men of his age, for a bright wit, a deep penetration, and a cultivated understanding: several of whose uncommon speculations, while they remained with him, lay unregarded; but when taken up by others, of whom we deservedly have a better opinion, received their due applause and approbation.—Mr. Locke borrowed and improved many—*e. g.* that liberty belongs not to the will—the finest and most intricate dissertation in his Essay, as he confesses to Limborch.” Warburton’s Miscell. Translations in Prose and Verse, p. 124, printed 1724, for Barker, with a Latin dedication to Sir Robert Sutton.—[Hobbes was a great favourite with Voltaire: “Virtuous

tauous citizen! enterprising spirit—the forerunner of Spinoza and of Locke!—It is said in thy law of nature, ‘that every man having a right to all things, every one has a right over the life of his fellow-creatures.’ Is not power here confounded with right?”—See Voltaire’s *Ignorant Philosopher*, p. 53.]

HONESTY.

“HONESTY,” saith Dr. Rees, in his Dictionary, “is a plant supposed to be possessed of eminent medical virtues; but it hath the misfortune not to be received into the *shops*.” The Doctor is perfectly grave, but the words admit of a humorous sense.

HOPE.

WHEN the soul grows weary in her Christian course, and is ready to faint by the way, she should be refreshed and invigorated by a view of those heavenly joys, which are to reward her labours. For so, when the Carthaginian soldiers were well nigh overcome with the difficulty and danger of the passage over the Alps, their wise general, from the top of those stupendous mountains, whence there was a prospect of all Italy, shewed them the fruitful plains watered by the river Po, to which they were almost come; and therefore, that they had but one effort more to make, before they arrived at them. He represented to them, that a battle or two would put a glorious

period to their toils, and enrich them for ever, by giving them possession of the capital of the Roman empire. This speech, filled with such pleasing hopes, and enforced by the sight of Italy, inspired the dejected soldiers with fresh vigour and alacrity to pursue their march.

HOUND AND FOX.

A FOX, after a severe run of thirty miles, hard pressed by the dogs, leaped, for refuge, into an old coal-pit, followed by one of the foremost hounds. An intrepid collier, on descending, found the fox and the dog lying very peaceably together:—the case, finally, of two controversialists. So Lowth and Warburton; only they leaped *upward* upon the bench, instead of *downward* into the coal-pit.

HUMAN FRAME.

1. CHYLE is an *emulsion*, in making which from the food we take in, the teeth and jaws act as the pestle and mortar; the spittle, bile, pancreatic juice, &c. are the menstruum, instead of the water which the chymist employs; the stomach and intestines are the press; and the lacteal vessels the strainers, to separate the pure *emulsion* from its fæces. Arbuthnot on Aliment, p. 67.

2. What mechanism is that, which can attenuate a
fluid

fluid compounded of the ingredients of human aliment, as oil, salts, earth, and water, so as to make it flow freely through the lymphatic vessels, though some of them are a hundred times smaller than the arterial capillaries, ten of which are not equal to one hair! What mechanism is that, which from one uniform juice can extract all the variety of vegetable juices to be found in plants; which from such variety of food as enters the stomach of an animal, can make a fluid very nearly uniform, viz. blood; and again from that uniform fluid can produce the variety of juices in the animal's body! Yet all these operations are as mechanically and regularly performed as corn is ground in a mill, or cyder made from apples in a press.

3. The lacteal vessels are the *roots* of an animal, whereby it draws its nourishment from the food in the intestines, as a vegetable does from the mould in which it is set; only a vegetable has its root planted without, and an animal within itself. A foetus in the womb is nourished like a plant, but afterwards by a root planted within itself.—
P. 74.

4. Some insects have their wind-pipes on the surface of their bodies, and are therefore killed by the contact of oil, not as a poison, but as it excludes the air.—Arbuthnot on Air, p. 115.

IDLENESS.

1. An indolent, idle man is a *carcase*; and, if he does not take care, the *birds of prey* (the ministers of vengeance) will be at him. In Romney Marsh, when the ravens, hovering on high, and keeping a sharp look-out, see a sheep turned on his back, so fat and unwieldy that he cannot recover himself, they instantly fouse down upon him, pick out his eyes, and then devour the body, carrying it away piecemeal, as they are able. Persons are then set to watch on purpose to prevent this catastrophe.—*Watch YE!* King's Morfels of Criticisin.

2. Adam worked in Paradise; afterwards in the world. "My Father worketh hitherto" (says our Lord) and I work." There is probably no absolute idleness, but in hell, and in the resemblances of hell.—Ditto, p. 126.

3. The busy man, say the Turks, is troubled with one devil, but the idle man is tormented with a thousand.

4. Idleness is the most painful situation of the mind, as *standing still*, according to Galen, is of the body.—See Brown's *Vulgar Errors*, iii. 1.

5. The irksomeness of being idle is humorously hit off by Voltaire's old woman in *Candide*, who puts it to the philosophers, "Which is worst,
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to experience all the miseries through which every one of us hath passed, or, TO REMAIN HERE DOING NOTHING?"

6. Bishop Cumberland being told by some of his friends, that he would wear himself out by intense application, replied; "It is better to *wear* out than "to *rust* out."

7. It was an observation of Swift, that he never knew any man come to greatness and eminence, who lay a-bed in a morning.

8. The most sluggish of creatures, called the Potto, or Sloth, is also the most horrible for its ugliness—to shew the deformity of *idleness*, and, if possible, to frighten us from it.

9. In the mind, as well as the body natural and politic, stagnation is followed by putrefaction. A want of proper motion does not breed rest and stability; but a motion of another kind; a motion unseen and intestine, which does not preserve, but destroy.

10. Sloth proceeds from want of *faith* or *courage*, or *love*, 2d Peter, i. 8.—*Add to faith virtue, &c.*—*These things make you, that you be evx ægyous*—not idle and unprofitable.—See Whitby in loc.

11. The following is an admirable observation of Rousseau, in his *Confessions*, b. v. vol. ii. p. 89.—*"In my opinion, idleness is no less the pest of society, than of solitude. Nothing contracts the*
mind,

mind, nothing engenders trifles, tales, backbiting, slander and falsities, so much as being shut up in a room, opposite each other, reduced to no other occupation than the necessity of continual chattering. When every one is employed, they speak only when they have something to say; but, if you are doing nothing, you must absolutely talk incessantly, and this, of all constraints, is the most troublesome, and the most dangerous. I dare go even farther, and maintain, that, to render a circle truly agreeable, every one must be not only doing something, but something which requires a little attention."

JEWES.

LORD CHESTERFIELD once told Lady Fanny Shirley, in a serious discourse they had on the Evidences of Christianity, that there was *one*, which he thought to be invincible, not to be got over by the wit of man, viz. *the present state of the Jews*—a fact to be accounted for on no human principle. This anecdote was related to me by a person who had it from Lady Fanny herself.

INTENTION.

INTENTION is the same in the inner man, as the eye is in the outer. While the eye is clear, it illuminates the whole body: each member is perfectly enlightened

lightened for the performance of its functions as if itself were an eye. If any humours suffuse the eye, the whole body is instantly overwhelmed with darkness. So the system of a man's conduct by a pure or vitiated *intention*. The intention is the *view* in which the action is performed, the *aim*, as we say, taken before the performance of it. If the light be darkness, if that which ought to direct the action be itself perverted and depraved, how great must be that depravity !

KINGS.

1. " BEFORE an opera is to be performed at Turin, the King himself takes the pains to read it over, and to erase every line that can admit of an indecent or double meaning. This attention is particularly paid to the theatre, on account of the morals of the Royal family." Mrs. Miller's Letters from Italy, i. 200.

2. Kings honour human nature, when they distinguish and reward those who do most honour to it, and while they give encouragement to those superior geniuses, who employ themselves in perfecting our knowledge, and who devote themselves to the worship of truth. Happy are the sovereigns who themselves cultivate the sciences; who think with Cicero, that Roman consul, the deliverer of his country and father of eloquence : " Literature is the accomplishment of youth, and the charm of old age. It gives a lustre
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to prosperity, and a comfort to adversity; at home and abroad, in travel and in retirement, at all times and in all places, it is the delight of life." A king, guided by justice, has the universe for his temple, and good men are the priests that sacrifice to him.—
Critical Essay on Mach.

3. Though the mask of dissimulation should for some time cover the natural deformity of a Prince, he cannot always keep it on. He must take it off sometimes in order to breathe; and one single opportunity is sufficient to satisfy the curious. Artifice, then, shall seat itself in vain on the lips of a Prince. We do not form a judgment of men from their words, but by comparing their actions with them, and with each other. Falsehood and dissimulation can never stand this test. A man can act well no part but his own; and, to appear to advantage, must appear in his proper character.—Ibid.

4. Be not thou, then, wicked with the wicked, but be thou virtuous and intrepid among them. Thou wilt make thy people virtuous as thyself; thy neighbours will imitate thee, and the wicked tremble.—
Ibid.

5. Inundations which lay countries waste, lightnings which reduce cities to ashes, the poison of the plague which dispeoples provinces, are not so fatal to the world, as the dangerous morals and unruly passions of kings. Calamities from heaven endure but for a time; they destroy but some countries; and those losses, though grievous, are retrievable; but the crimes

crimes of kings cause whole nations to suffer, from generation to generation.—Ibid.

LANGUAGE (FIGURATIVE) OF THE SS.

RESPECTING the figurative language of the Scriptures, there is this curious and important question to be determined—Whether God adopted it, because it was the style of the eastern nations; or it became the style of the eastern nations, because God originally constituted and employed it?

LAWS.

THE observation, made by a great casuist on human laws, holds much stronger with regard to divine ones—“The obedience of that man is much too delicate, who insists upon knowing the *reason* of all laws, before he will obey them. The lawgiver must be supposed to have given his sanction to the law from the reason of the thing; but where we cannot discover the reason of it, the *sanction* is to be the only reason of our obedience.”—Bp. Taylor’s Duct. Dub. b. iii. c. vi. rule 3.

LEARNING.

1. THERE is no kind of knowledge which, in the hands of the diligent and skilful, will not turn to account. Honey exudes from all flowers, the bitter not excepted; and the bee knows how to extract it.

2. Cicero’s

2. Cicero's apology for the great men of Rome who employed their leisure hours in philosophical disquisitions is worthy notice; some, it seems, thought such employment unworthy of them.—

*“ Quasi verò clarorum virorum aut tacitos congressus
 “ esse oporteat, aut ludicros sermones, aut rerum col-
 “ loquia leviorum, - - - Nec quidquam aliud vi-
 “ dendum est nobis, quos populus Romanus hoc in
 “ gradu collocavit, nisi ne quid privatis studiis de
 “ operâ publicâ detrahamus.—Quod si, quum fungi
 “ munere debeamus, operam nostram nunquam a popu-
 “ lari actu removemus, quis reprehendet nostrum otium,
 “ qui in eo non modò nosmetipsos hebecere et lan-
 “ guere nolumus, sed etiam ut plurimis prosumus eni-
 “ timur?”—Acad. Lucull. sect. 6.—As if it were*

proper for eminent men to remain mute in company, or to confine their conversation to drollery and trifles. Placed as we are by the Roman people in this elevated station, our only concern is to take care, that private study never withdraws us from a due attention to the public service. But if we are ever ready to perform every duty that we owe to our country, who shall grudge us an application of our leisure, by which we not only rescue ourselves from indolence, but endeavour to produce fruits advantageous to others?

3. There are some who have too mean an opinion of their own abilities, and by fancying themselves to be useless, become so, and dare not attempt
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many things, in which they are capable of succeeding, and which they ought to perform. This behaviour arises more from *INDOLENCE* or *MELANCHOLY*, than from humility.—Jortin's Sermons, iv. 24.

4. Inventors and projectors, however wild and visionary, often afford matter, which a wise man will know how to qualify and turn to use, though they did not.—See Account of Settlement in America, i. 65.

5. Mr. Loeke always used to say, “ I like your *builders*; for, whether they succeed or not in constructing the edifice, they bring together materials very valuable to a more skilful architect.”—See Sublime and Beautiful, 92.

6. An original genius resembles the eagle, who disdains to share the plunder of another bird; and will take up with no prey, but that which he has acquired by his own pursuit.

7. “ I pity unlearned gentlemen in a rainy day,” was the usual saying of Lord Falkland.

LIGHT AND LOVE.

LIGHT is the great source of blessing in the natural world, *love* in the moral. The excellencies of both are united in the Divine Nature: *God is light*, and *God is love*. A slavish and superstitious fear of

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God proceeds, therefore, from a misapprehension of him; as when the disciples saw Jesus walking upon the sea, and knew not who it was, they were scared with the appearance; and therefore our Lord, to take off their fear, only made himself better known to them: *It is I*, says he, *be not afraid*.—See Norris's Sermons, xi. 194.

LOKMAN.

1. THE famous oriental philosopher Lokman, while a slave, being presented by his master with a bitter melon, immediately ate it all. How was it possible, said his master, for you to eat so nauseous a fruit? Lokman replied, “I have received so many favours from you, that it is no wonder I should once in my life eat a bitter melon from your hand.” This generous answer of the slave struck the master to such a degree, that he immediately gave him his liberty.—With such sentiments should man receive his portion of sufferings at the hand of God.

2. The same Lokman, being informed by angels (as the legend goes) that God would make him a monarch, replied—“If he would grant me liberty to choose my condition of life, I had rather continue in my present state, and be kept from offending him: otherwise all the grandeur and splendor of the world would be troublesome to me.”

“Speak the truth;” (said the same philosopher)—
“keep

“keep your word;—and intermeddle not in affairs which do not concern you.”

“Be a learned man, a disciple of the learned, or an auditor of the learned; at least be a lover of knowledge, and desirous of improvement.”

LYNCH (DEAN.)

HE was a constant preacher through life, either at the cathedral, one of his livings, or at Grove, his family estate; in short, wherever he happened to be. Of his charities a judgment may be formed from the following circumstance. His son was sent for by the citizens of Canterbury, and chosen burgesses, without a shilling expence: “Sir,” (said the poorer freemen, sitting sober in their houses when he went round to thank them) “you had a right to command our votes; *your father fed us, and your mother clothed us.*”—Communicated to me by Dr. Beauvoir, who went round with him. The Dean never forgot any thing once treasured up in his memory.

MACDONALD (HUGH).

THE world tempts and disappoints; it excites desires after happiness, but satisfies them not. The case of its votaries too much resembles that of the perfidious rebel, Hugh Macdonald, mentioned by Dr. Johnson in his *Journey to the Hebrides*, p. 167, who was served with a plentiful meal of salt meat; and when

thirst made him clamorous for drink, a cup was let down to him in the dungeon, which, on lifting the cover, he found to be empty!

MACHIAVEL'S OBSERVATION.

It is observable, that Machiavel employs a whole chapter designedly, to prove, that revolutions in states are often prefigured by *prodigies*, the causes of which he professeth himself unable to assign; unless they may be attributed to some spirits and intelligences in the air, which give the world notice of such things to come. See Machiav. Disput. l. i. c. 56.

MAHOMET VIEWING DAMASCUS.

THE Arabian false prophet, viewing the delicious and pleasurable situation of Damascus, would not enter that city, but turned away from it with this exclamation, "There is but one paradise for man; and I am determined to have mine in the other world." *Mutatis mutandis*, how becoming this for a Christian in time of temptation! See Maundrell, p. 121.

MARRIAGE.

1. VINCENT LE BLANC, in his Travels, p. 386, tells us, that in three instances, within his own knowledge, an emerald discovered the incontinency of its wearer, by breaking, when worn in a ring upon the finger.
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“Such (says he) is the virtue of this stone, if it be good and fine, and of the old mine.”—It is a pity but that there was an emerald of *the old mine* in every wedding ring.

2. When the subject of *catechising* was before the synod of Dort, one of the Swiss deputies told the synod, that the custom in his country was, for all parties intending matrimony to appear before their minister, who examined them as to their proficiency in their catechism, having power to defer the marriage till it was such as he could approve. “I was much affected to this course (says Hales) when I heard it; and the synod shall be ill advised, if they make no use of it.” Letters to Sir D. Carleton, p. 11.

MEMORY.

ONE considerable step towards remembering things worth remembrance is to forget things which are not so.

METHODISTS.

1. A FRIEND of mine having asked a lady of piety and judgment her opinion of a Methodist teacher; “He will soon (said she) by great *humility* become the head of a sect, and damn all the rest of the world in the very spirit of charity.”

2. The scriptures mention an *assurance of faith*, which our church, in her homilies, calls “a sure trust and confidence that our sins are forgiven,” &c. The methodistical assurance is an internal feeling, an as-

assurance of *sense*. Now *faith* and *sense* are quite different things. In the one case, the assurance is an inference drawn from the divine promises applied to ourselves; in the other, it is an immediate operation of the spirit, a kind of revelation made nobody knows how, and of which we have no evidence but the person's own assertion.

3. An ingenious French author (Boursault), speaking of the humility of Friars, and the manner in which it is made to serve their interest, says, they are like pitchers, which *stoop* only in order to get *filled*.

MIDDLETON (DR.)

“ My attention to the classics (says Middleton) has made me very squeamish in my Christian studies.” The Doctor seems to have been in the case of the comet mentioned by Dr. Zach, p. 6 of a paper delivered to the University of Oxford, when he was admitted to a degree there, in Feb. 1786. “ The retardation of
“ the comet, compared to its period, may clearly be
“ put to the account of the attraction and perturbation he has undergone in the region of Jupiter and
“ Saturn.”

MIDDLETON AND HOADLEY.

There was a very scarce book supposed to be written with force against miracles. Middleton had long searched for it in vain. Hoadley was in possession of a copy, and furnished him with it. “ You
“ are a wicked man (said he) and will make a bad
“ use of it. Perhaps I ought not to give it you. But—
there—

there—take it, and do your worst.”—This anecdote is in the Bodleian library, as I have been informed by a friend.

MINISTRY.

1. SOME make the discharge of the Christian ministry to consist in asserting the rights of the church, and the dignity of their function; others in a strenuous opposition to the prevailing sectaries, and a zealous attachment to the established church government; a third sort in examining the speculative points and mystical parts of religion; few, in the mean time, considering either in what the true dignity of the ministerial character consists; or the only end for which church government was at all established; or the practical influence, which can alone make speculative points worth our attention—the reformation of the lives of men, and the promotion of their truest happiness here and hereafter. Gilpin’s Life, p. 160.

2. “I hope my younger brethren in the ministry will pardon me,” says Dr. Doddridge, “if I entreat their particular attention to this admonition—not to give the main part of their time to the *curiosities* of learning, and only a few fragments of it to their great work, the *cure of souls*; lest they see cause, in their last moments, to adopt the words of dying Grotius, perhaps with much greater propriety than he could use them—*Prob! vitam perdidisti operosè nihil agendo!*” Fam. Expos. sect. 14. The Doctor does not refer to his authority for this anecdote: but his admonition

is most excellent. See the *whole Improvement*. See p. 103, where another anecdote is mentioned of Grotius, but the author, from whom I took it, did not cite his authority. On the subject of the above admonition of Doddridge, see Norris's *Conduct of Human Life*.—See Doddridge's *Sermons and Tracts*, i. 264.—Quesnel on Tit. iii. 9. a proper *text* for a sermon on the subject.

3. It often happens to the teachers of philosophy and religion, as it did to Dr. Solander on the mountain. “You must keep moving,” (says the Doctor) “at all events. Whoever sits down will sleep, and “whoever sleeps will wake no more.” Yet he himself was the first who found the inclination, against which he had warned others, to be irresistible, and insisted upon being suffered to take a nap, though he had just told the company, that to sleep was to perish.—See Hawkesworth, i. 48.

4. “Reason *ought* to direct us (says Lord C.), but it seldom *does*. And he who addresses himself singly to another man's reason, without endeavouring to engage his heart in his interest also, is no more likely to succeed, than a man who should apply only to a king's *nominal* minister, and neglect his *favourite*.”—The illustration is just and beautiful; and the observation deserves the notice of every one, whose employment it is to win men to faith and righteousness. Dry reasoning, though ever so solid, will not do alone.—See *Letters*, II. 54. cxxix.

5. Apply

5. Apply to a faithful and vigilant clergy

- - - Nunquam, custodibus illis,
Nocturnum stabulis furem, incurfusque luporum,
Aut impacatos à tergo horrebis Iberos.

GEORG. iii. 406.

- - - Who for the fold's relief
Will prosecute with cries the nightly thief,
Repulse the prowling wolf, and hold at bay
The mountain robbers rushing to the prey.

DRYDEN, 616.

6. Original corruption appears in as many different shapes as the fabulous Proteus of the ancients, while it exerts itself in the different passions of sinful men, transforming them, for the time, into various kinds of beasts.—

Tum variæ illudent species atque ora ferarum,
Fiet enim subitò sus horridus, atraque tigris,
Squamosusque draco, et fulvâ cervice læana;
Sed quantò ille magis formas se vertet in omnes,
Tantò, nate, magis contende tenaciâ vincla.

—Various forms assume, to cheat thy sight,
And with vain images of beasts affright,
With foamy tusks will seem a bristly boar,
Or imitate the lion's angry roar;
But thou, the more he varies forms, beware
To strain his fetters with a stricter care.

DRYDEN, 587.

So speaks Wisdom to *her* children, as well as
Cyrene to her son Aristeus, Georg. iv. 411.—To
accomplish

accomplish this work happily, celestial influences are necessary, which are conferred in one case, no less than in the other:—

Hæc ait, et liquidum ambrosiæ diffundit odorem,
Quo totum nati corpus perduxit; at illi
Dulcis compositis spiravit crinibus aura,
Atque habilis membris venit vigor.—

This said, with nectar she her son anoints,
Infusing vigour through his mortal joints:
Down from his head the liquid odours ran;
He breath'd of heav'n, and look'd above a man.

DRYDEN, 599.

7. With regard to men's principles, we should always put the best construction on dubious cases, and treat those as *friends* to Christianity, who are not avowed and declared *enemies*. By so doing, we may perhaps save a person from really apostatizing; his doubts and prejudices may be overcome; and what was wanting in him may be perfected. But if we suppose and treat him as an enemy, we take a ready way to make him one, though he were not such before. Besides, that the addition of a new name, especially if it be a name of eminence, to the catalogue of infidels strengthens that party, and weakens the faith of many, who build it on authority. "He that is not against us, is on our part." Mark ix. 40.—See Doddridge in loc.: and see Life of Sir Thomas Brown, by Johnson, ad fin.

8. Happy the minister, whose days are spent in teaching

teaching heavenly truths; his nights in acquiring the knowledge of them, by study and devotion!—

Et quantum longis carpent armenta diebus,
Exiguâ tantum gelidus ros nocte reponit.

GEORG. ii. 201.

9. The necessity of a kind and gentle manner, in him who instructs or reproves another, and the sad effect of a contrary temper, are well set forth by Jerome.—*Nihil est fœdus præceptore furioso, qui, cum debeat esse mansuetus et humilis ad omnes, diverso torvo vultu, trementibus labiis, effrenatis convitiis, clamore perstrepat: errantes non tam ad bonum retrahit, quam ad malum suâ sævitiâ præcipitat.* Cited by Dieterich, i. 33.—Nothing is more unseemly than a passionate instructor; who, when he ought to be an example of gentleness and humility to all, is distinguished on the contrary by fierce looks, trembling lips, intemperate noise, and unbridled revilings. Such a man does not by persuasion recall to righteousness those who wander, but by harshness precipitates them into evil.

10. A Christian (a minister especially) should live and act with that disposition for which George Grenville is celebrated by E. Burke.—“He took
“public business, not as a duty which he was to
“fulfil, but as a pleasure he was to enjoy; and
“he seemed to have no delight out of this house,
“except in such things as some way related to the
“business that was to be done within it.” Speech, 25.
The sentence preceding is—“With a masculine
“under-

“ understanding and a stout and resolute heart, he had
 “ an application undissipated and unwearied.”

11. Mrs. Siddons, the famous actresses, receiving many invitations to the houses of the great and opulent, excused herself from accepting any of them, because her time was due to the public, that she might prepare herself in the most perfect manner to appear before them, for their entertainment.—When a clergyman is invited to spend his hours at card-playing or chit-chat meetings, has he not an apology to make of the same kind, but of a more important and interesting nature? And if he be deficient in the duties of *his* profession for want of so excusing himself, will not Mrs. Siddons rise up in judgment against him, and condemn him?

MOULTING.

THE heathen philosophers allowed human nature to be fallen from original rectitude, and sunk into a weak, drooping, and sickly state, which they called πτεροπονησις, the *moulting* of the soul's wings.—A just and beautiful image; the old feathers drop off, to make way for a new plumage.

MUSIC.

WHEN Agamemnon set out for Troy, Homer tells us, he committed his wife to the care of a *musician*, as the best of guardians and preceptors. Nor could the adulterer Ægythus seduce her, till he had taken

taken off the musician, whose instruction, while he lived, kept the princess in the path of virtue.—Odyss. iii. 267.—How different, in those days, must the character of a musician, and the use of music have been, from their character and use at present!

NATURE.

1. MARY Magdalene, like the Heliotrope, followed the *sun* of righteousness in his diurnal course. She attended him to his evening retreat, and met his rising lustre in the morning.

But one, the lofty follower of the sun,
Sad, when he sets, shuts up her yellow leaves,
Drooping all night; and, when he warm returns,
Points her enamour'd bosom to his ray.

THOMSON *.

2. The mind that has been subject to the fires of wantonness, becomes, like wood burnt to charcoal, apt upon every occasion to kindle and burn again.

3. A bone that is calcined so as the least force will crumble it, being immersed in oil, will grow firm again. Thus, in the figurative language of Scripture, the bones which by sorrow and affliction for sin are “burnt up as it were a firebrand,” by pardon and grace are restored to their strength, “flourish, and are made fat.”

* See Evelyn's *Sylva*, p. 37. which suggested the thought.

4. Some persons, who have a great deal of sharp and pungent satire in their tempers, do not discover it unless they are highly provoked; as in the evaporation of human blood by a gentle fire the *salt* will not rise.

5. Ecls, for want of exercise, are fat and flimy. For this reason, perhaps, fish without fins and scales were forbidden the Israelites; and the necessity of exercise, both for the body and the mind, might be the moral intended.

6. Stall-fed oxen, crammed fowls, and high-feeding Christians, are often diseased in their livers. No animal can be wholesome food, that does not use exercise.—See Buchan.

7. The rule which physicians lay down for nurses had been a good one for the fanatical holders-forth in the last century, viz. never to give suck after fasting: the milk, in such case, having an acescency very prejudicial to the constitution of the recipient.

8. Had man persevered in innocence, none of the creatures would have hurt him, and it is possible all might have ministered to him in one way or other; as, upon occasion, the ravens were made to do to the prophet.

9. It was the saying of a great general, that there should be some time between a soldier's dismissal and his death; and it has been observed of the most furious polemical writers, as Bellarmine, and others, that they have spent the latter part of
their

their lives in pious meditation. Thus huntſmen tell us, that a fox, when eſcaped from the dogs, after a hard chace, always walks himſelf cool, before he earths.—See Floyer and Baynard on Cold Baths, p. 328.

10. Providence hath afforded us an unuſual and ſpecial inſtance of the brevity of life in the Ephemeron, whoſe duration is from fix in the evening till eleven. At the beginning of its life it ſheds its coat, and ſpends the reſt of its ſhort time in friſking over the waters, on which the female drops her eggs, and the male his ſperm to impregnate them. Having thus ſerved their generation, and provided for the continuance of the ſpecies, they die and are turned again to their duſt: and all this in five or fix hours.—

- - - - Here, fond man,

Behold thy pictur'd life !

Vide SWAMMERDAM, Ephem. Vit.

11. Noxious creatures, in proportion as they are ſo, teach us care, diligence and wit: weaſels, kites, &c. induce us to watchfulneſs; thiſtles and moles, to good huſbandry; lice oblige us to cleanlineſs in our bodies; ſpiders, in our houſes; and the moth, in our clothes. Things often become hurtful, not of neceſſity, but by accident, through our own negligence or miſtake. Let this be applied, in the moral world, to the concerns of our ſouls, and of the church.

12. There

12. There are men whom nothing but hell fire flashing in their faces can rouse from sin and sensuality; as I have seen a fellow driving a fat boar, with a lantern and a bundle of straw, to burn a wisp under his nose, as often as he lay down in the mire: when he feels his beard singed, he gets up, and goes forward.

13. After having composed and delivered a sermon, I have often thought of, and repeated, the following lines of Thomson——

Be gracious, Heav'n! for now laborious man
Has done his part. Ye soft'ring breezes, blow!
Ye softening dews, ye tender show'rs, descend!
And temper all, thou world-reviving sun,
Into the perfect year!

SPRING, ver. 48.

14. A faithful pastor, when leaving a flock, of whom he had long had the care, might exclaim in these words of Eve in Milton, spoken on being told that she must quit Eden——

- - - - O show'rs,
My early visitation and my last
At ev'n, which I bred up with tender hand
From the first op'ning bud, and gave you names,
Who now shall rear you to the sun, or rank
Your tribes, and water from th' ambrosial fount?

15. The reproaches of an enemy often serve to quicken a man in his Christian course, as in Siberia they join a large dog to a rein deer in their sledges,

ledges, that the latter may be urged on by the bark of the former.—See Travels of the Jesuits, by Lokman, ii. p. 155.

16. The manner in which man resembles his Maker is thus described by an ancient Bramin: “Figure to yourself a million of large vessels quite filled with water, on which the sun darts his luminous rays. This beautiful planet, though single in its kind, multiplies itself in some measure, and paints itself totally, in a moment, on each of these vessels, so that a very perfect resemblance of it is seen in them all. Now our bodies are these vessels filled with water; the sun is the image of the Supreme Being; and the figure of the sun, painted on each of these vessels, is a natural representation enough of the human soul, created after the image of God himself.” Ibid. p. 248.

17. The passions, when in the most violent agitation, may be allayed by the consideration of hell torments; as wine, when it ferments, ready to burst the hoops of its vessel, is calmed and quieted at once by the application of a match dipped in *sulphur*.

18. The Chinese physicians never prescribe bleeding, but allay the heat of the blood by abstinence, diet, and cooling herbs; saying, that if the pot boil too fast, it is better to subduct the fuel, than ladle out the water.

19. Persecution is contrary to the very nature

and design of religion, which is to effect the conversion of the soul without hurting the body; as lightning injures not the scabbard, when it melts the sword.

20. Vicious examples are most noxious when set off and recommended by the charms of oratory, or poetry; as some poisonous plants growing on a mountain in China are said to kill only when they are in *flower*.

21. Naturalists tell us of harts and hinds, that, in crossing a piece of water, the hart, as the strongest, swimmeth first, to break the force of the stream, and the hind, as being weaker, followeth reclining her head on his back. Woman is the weaker vessel, and standeth in need of man to be her conductor through life; that, under his guidance, she may stem the torrent of the world, and reach, in safety, the shore of eternity. "Let her be as the loving hind, and pleasant roe," and let her welfare and security be equally attended to by her husband.

22. Husbandmen are careful continually to stir and loosen the earth about the roots of plants. Otherwise it grows dry and hard, and ministers no nutriment. The mind will do the same unless exercised, and will starve the virtuous principles planted in it. Our Lord applies this, in the parable of the fig-tree—"I will *dig* about it."

Est etiam ille labor curandis vitibus alter,

Cui nunquam exhausti fatis est. Namque omne quotannis
Terque

affiduity, to the last hour, till the grapes are gathered,
and the vintage finally secured—

Jam vinctæ vites ; jam falcem arbuta reponunt :

Jam canit extremos effectus vinitor antes :

Sollicitanda tamen tellus pulvisque movendus,

Et jam maturis metuendus Jupiter uvis. GEORG. ii. 416.

The vines now ty'd with many a strength'ning band,

No more the culture of the knife demand ;

Glad for his labour past and long employ,

At the last rank the dresser sings for joy :

Yet still he must subdue, still turn the mould,

And his ripe grapes still fear rough storms or piercing cold.

WARTON, 499.

Again, the tendernefs with which young shoots
are to be treated and encouraged——

Ac dum prima novis adolescit frondibus ætas,

Parcendum teneris ; et dum se lætus ad auras

Palmes agit, laxis per purum immissus habenis,

Ipfa acies nondum falcis tentanda. GEORG. ii. 362.

But in their tender non-age, while they spread

Their springing leaves and lift their infant head,

And upward while they shoot in open air,

Indulge their childhood, and the nursing spare :

Nor exercise thy rage on new-born life,

But let thy hand supply the pruning knife.

DRYDEN, 497.

24. The description of the growth of plants in the
spring to young and virtuous minds——

Inque novos soles audent se gramina tutò

Crederè ; nec metuit surgentes pampinus austros,

AND

Aut actum cœlo magnis aquilonibus imbrem :
Sed trudit gemmas, et frondes explicat omnes.

GEORG. ii. 332.

The springing grafs to trust this season dares ;
No tender vine the gath'ring tempest fears
By the black north or roaring auster roll'd,
But spreads her leaves, and bids her gems unfold.

WARTON, 404.

25. In the work of salvation, as in that of husbandry, man must do his part, and God will not fail to do his.

Multum adeo rastris glebas qui frangit inertes,
Vimineasque trahit crates, juvat arva, neque illum
Flava Ceres alto nequicquam spectat Olympo ;
Et qui proscisso quæ fuscitat æquore terga
Rursus in obliquum verso perrumpit aratro,
Exercetque frequens tellurem, atque imperat arvis.

GEORG. i. 94.

Much too he helps his labour'd lands, who breaks
The crumbling clods with harrows, drags and rakes ;
Who ploughs across, and back, with ceaseless toil,
Subdues to dust and triumphs o'er the soil ;
Plenty to him, industrious swain ! is giv'n,
And Ceres smiles upon his work from heav'n.

WARTON, 114.

26. It is one part of a clergyman's office to deduce, from the sublime doctrines of the gospel, arguments of consolation, to refresh and renew the afflicted and weary soul. Let the following passage be applied to him in these circumstances :

Et cum exustus ager morientibus æstuat herbis,
Ecce supercilio clivosi tramitis undam

Elicit: illa cadens raucum per lævia murmur
Saxa ciet, scatebrisque arenia temperat arva.

GEORG. i. 107.

Thus when the fiery suns too fiercely play,
And shrivell'd herbs on with'ring stems decay,
The wary ploughman on the mountain's brow
Undams his wat'ry stores; huge torrents flow,
And, rattling down the rocks, large moisture yield,
Temp'ring the thirsty fever of the field.

DRYDEN, 157.

27. He, who is entrusted with the education of youth, should, above all things, in the first place, explore and consider well the different tempers, dispositions, and abilities of his scholars, that they may be trained to the several professions, or arts, for the study of which they are respectively fitted and qualified by nature. This is the advice given by Virgil to his farmer, that he should find out

Et quid quæque ferat regio, et quod quæque recuset.
Hic segetes, illic veniunt felicius uvæ:
Arborei foetus alibi, atque injussa virescunt
Gramina, &c.

GEORG. i. 54.

The culture suited to the sev'ral kinds—
Of seeds and plants; and what will thrive and rise,
And what the genius of the soil denies.
This ground with Bacchus, that with Ceres suits,
That other loads the trees with golden fruits;
A fourth with grass unbidden decks the ground.

DRYDEN, 78.

28. When the mind is fatigued with one employment, it may find ease and refreshment by addressing

dreſſing itſelf to another of a different nature: as land will receive benefit by change of grain, as much as by lying fallow.—

Sic quoque mutatis requieſcunt ſœtibus arva. GEORG. i. 82.

Thus change of ſeeds for meagre ſoils is beſt;

And earth manur'd not idle, tho' at reſt.

DRYDEN, 120.

29. Virgil, ſpeaking of the huſbandman's additional labours occaſioned by noxious animals and plants, makes a fine reflection upon the deſign of Providence in permitting ſuch things.—

- - - - - Pater ipſe colendi

Haud facilem eſſe viam voluit, primuſque per artem

Movit agros, curis acueñs mortalia corda;

Nec torpere gravi paſſus ſua regna veterno; &c.

GEORG. i. 121.

The fire of gods and men, with hard decrees,

Forbids our plenty to be bought with eaſe;

And wills that mortal men, inur'd to toil,

Should exerciſe, with pains, the grudging ſoil.

Himſelf invented firſt the ſhining ſhare,

And whetted human induſtry by care.

Himſelf did handicrafts and arts ordain;

Nor ſuffer'd ſloth to ruſt his active reign.

DRYDEN, 183.

30. Civet-cats muſt be fretted and vexed, before the civet is taken out of the bag; for the more the animal is enraged, the muſk is the better.—The only caſe, I think, wherein fretfulneſs and rage turn to account, and improve things.

31. Wit under the influence of passion degenerates into malignity, as salt exposed to violent heats will turn *sour* and *bitter*.

32. Some particulars in natural history, though confessedly fabulous, are universally retained and employed as allusions; for which purpose they serve as well as if they were true: *e. g.* the phoenix, as a rarity, and as a beautiful symbol of the resurrection; and the notion of a swan becoming vocal and melodious just before its death. Thus Socrâtes, as cited by Cicero, —“*Itaque commemorat, ut cygni, qui non sine causâ Apollini dicati sunt, sed quod ab eo divinationem habere videantur, quâ providentes quid in morte boni sit, cum cantu et voluptate moriantur; sic omnibus bonis et doctis esse faciundum.*” Tuscul. Disputat. i. 30.—As swans, inspired by Apollo with a foresight of the joys of death, die with satisfaction and song; such should be the conduct of the wise and good.

33. “The sun” (said Mr. Charron) “is my visible God, as God is my invisible sun.”

34. To the conversation of a Christian may be applied what Dr. Cadogan says of a child’s *breath*—“It is not enough that it be not offensive; it should be sweet and fragrant, like a nosegay of fresh flowers, or a pail of new milk from a young cow that feeds upon the sweetest grass of the spring: and this as well at first waking in the morning as all the day long.”—*Essay on Nursing Children*, p. 46.

35. Riches,

35. Riches, honours, and pleasures are the *sweets* which destroy the mind's appetite for its heavenly food; poverty, disgrace, and pain are the *bitters*, which restore it.

36. Young trees in a thick forest are found to incline themselves towards that part through which the *light* penetrates; as plants are observed to do in a darkened chamber towards a stream of *light* let in through an orifice, and as the ears of corn do towards the *south*. The roots of plants are known to turn away, with a kind of abhorrence, from whatever they meet with, which is hurtful to them; and, deserting their ordinary direction, to tend, with a kind of natural and irresistible impulse, towards collections of *water* placed within their reach. The plants called *Heliotropæ* turn daily round with the sun, and by constantly presenting their surfaces to that luminary seem desirous of absorbing a nutriment from its rays.—Surely all these afford a lesson to man.

37. Mr. Temple, at More-park, kept an eagle, into whose cage, among other provision, a living magpie was one day cast. The servants, next morning, were surprised to find the magpie still alive, who lived a great while very comfortably in that state. The eagle seemed much pleased with him, and was often seen to listen very attentively, and not without some degree of admiration, to his chattering.—So kings formerly reckoned it a piece of state to keep a fool.

38. The

38. The injunctions given to the Jews, not to eat any creature which died of itself, seem to have a strict regard to health; and ought, on that account, to be observed by Christians as well as Jews.—Buchan's *Domestic Medicine*.—The blood, in these cases, is mixed with the flesh, and soon becomes putrid.

39. To an angry controvertist, endeavouring to puzzle a cause, and to avoid conviction, apply Virgil's description of Cacus—ÆN. viii. 252.

Faucibus ingentem fumum (mirabile dictu!)
Evomit, involvitque domum caligine cæcâ,
Prospectum eripiens oculis; glomeratque sub antro
Fumiferam noctem, commissis igne tenebris.

He from his nostrils, and huge mouth, expires
Black clouds of smoke amidst his father's fires;
Gath'ring, with each repeated blast, the night,
To make uncertain aim and erring fight.

DRYDEN, 335.

40. To the metaphysics of Hume, Le Clerc, and Bolingbroke——

Ibant obscuri solâ sub nocte per umbras,
Perque domos Ditis vacuas, et inania regna.

ÆN. vi. 264.

Obscure they went, thro' dreary shades that led
Along the waste dominions of the dead.

DRYDEN, 378.

41. To the Arian heresy——

At sæva e speculis tempus dea nacta nocendi,
Ardua tecta petit stabuli, et de culmine summo
Pastorale canit signum, cornuque recurvo
Tartaream intendit vocem; quâ protenus omne

Contremuit

Contremuit nemus, et sylvæ intonuere profundæ.

Audiit et Triviæ longè lacus, audiit amnis,

Sulphureâ Nar albus aquâ, fontesque Velini;

Et trepidæ matres pressere ad pectora natos.

ÆN. vii. 511.

And now the goddesses, exercis'd in ill,

Who watch'd an hour to work her impious will,

Ascends the roof, and to her crooked horn,

Such as was then by Latian shepherds borne,

Adds all her breath : the rocks and woods around

And mountains tremble at th' infernal sound.

The sacred lake of Trivia from afar,

The Veline fountains, and sulphureous Nar

Shake at the baleful blast, the signal of the war.

Young mothers wildly stare, with fear possess'd,

And strain their helpless infants to their breast.

DRYDEN, 713.

42. The eyes of swine are turned down towards the earth, so that they never behold the heavens, till laid upon their backs; a method sometimes taken by their keepers, to still their crying.—Apply this to the effects produced by afflictions on worldly-minded men.

43. "April 5, 1772, at midnight, two violent
"shocks of an earthquake were felt at Lisbon.
"This earthquake was preceded by the *howling of*
"dogs, and the *melancholy crowing of cocks*. Imme-
"diately was heard a subterranean noise, with *howl-*
"ings and whistlings, as in a great storm : this was
"followed by an horizontal shock," &c.—With
what

what unspeakable horror do these circumstances strike the imagination !

44. In the moral, as in the natural world, many trees, after all possible pains have been taken about them, fail in fruit-time. Happy the Christian husbandman, to whom may be applied what Virgil says of his old Corycian gardener ;

Quotque in flore novo pomis se fertilis arbos
Induerat, totidem autumno matura tenebat.

GEORG. iv. 142.

For ev'ry bloom his trees in spring afford
An autumn apple was by tale restor'd.

DRYDEN, 211.

45. Apply to repentance, a medicine sharp, but salutary, Virgil's account of the citron—

Media fert *trifles* succos, *tardumque* saporem
Felicitis mali ; quo non præsentius ullum
Auxilium venit, et membris agit atra venena.

GEORG. ii. 126,

Sharp-tasted citrons Median climes produce,
Bitter the rind, but gen'rous is the juice :
A cordial fruit, a present antidote, &c.

DRYDEN, 175.

46. The old school maxim, that “ the corruption of one thing is the generation of another,” is true in spirituals, as well as in physics. The death of the old man is the life of the new ; and from affections carnal and secular, when mortified by the

power of religion, spring up holy and heavenly ones,
vigorous and active in proportion.

Nigra fere, et presso pinguis sub vomere terra,
Et cui *putre* solum, *namque hoc imitamur* arando,
Optima frumentis ; non ullo ex æquore cernes
Plura domum tardis decedere plaustra juvencis.

GEORG. ii. 203.

Fat crumbling earth is fitter for the plough;
Putrid and loose above, and black below :
For ploughing is an imitative toil,
Resembling nature in an easy foil.
No land for seed like this, no fields afford
So large an income to the village lord :
No toiling teams from harvest labour come
So late at night, so heavy laden home.

DRYDEN, 280.

Therefore, as Virgil goes on, ground where wood
has grown, and the leaves, &c. have rotted, though
of an unpromising appearance, proves fruitful when
turned up.—

At rudis enituit, *impulso vomere* campus.

While shines the new-turn'd soil beneath th' invading
share.

WARTON, 266.

47. There are *minds*, as well as lands, of so harsh
and crabbed a disposition that little can be made of
them.

Salsa autem tellus, et quæ perhibetur amara,
Frugibus infelix ; ea nec mansuescit arando,

Nec

Nec Baccho genus, aut pomis sua nomina servat.

GEORG. ii. 238.

Salt earth and bitter are not fit to sow,
Nor will be tam'd or mended with the plough.
Sweet grapes degen'rate there, and fruits declin'd
From their first flav'rous taste, renounce their kind.

DRYDEN, 323.

48. A genius forward, and early ripe, seldom, in the end, answers expectation. Virgil has observed the same thing of land, which throws forth corn too strong at first.—

Ah! nimium ne sit mihi fertilis illa,
Neu se prævalidam primis ostendat aristis!

GEORG. ii. 252.

Let not my land so large a promise boast,
Lest the hawk ears in length of stem be lost.

DRYDEN, 341.

49. The character of an universal scholar is apt to dazzle the sight, and to attract ambition. But a greater progress is made in literature, when every man takes his part, and cultivates that part thoroughly, with all his powers.—

- - - Laudato ingentia rura;
Exiguum colito.—

GEORG. ii. 412.

To larger vineyards praise and wonder yield;
But cultivate a small and manageable field.

WARTON, 495.

50. Inventors and projectors, however wild and visionary, often afford matter, which a wise man will

will know how to qualify and turn to use, though they did not.—See Account of Settlements in America, i. 65.

51. When an hoghead of sugar is in the highest state of fermentation over the fire, a piece of *butter*, no bigger than a nut, will allay and quiet it in a moment. A tea spoonful of *oil* quieted the ruffled surface of near half an acre of water in a windy day, and rendered it smooth as a looking-glass.—See Dr. Franklin's account, Phil. Trans. lxiv. part ii.—Like the Divine Spirit, oil acts as a bond of peace to the whole mass which is under its influence.

52. The note of the cuckoo, though uniform, always gives pleasure, because it reminds us that summer is coming. But that pleasure is mixed with melancholy, because we reflect, that what is coming will soon be going again. This is the consideration which embitters every sublunary enjoyment!—Let the delight of my heart then be in thee, O Lord and Creator of all things, with whom alone is no variableness, neither shadow of changing!

53. The world twines itself about the soul, as a serpent doth about an eagle, to hinder its flight upward, and sting it to death.

54. "The affected gaiety of a wicked man is like the flowery surface of Mount *Ætna*, beneath which materials are gathering for an eruption, that will one day reduce all its beauties to ruin and desolation."
—Irene.

55. The

55. The Christian traveller, in his journey through the desert, like Hassan, must be always *awake*, and upon the *watch*.

At that dead hour the silent asp shall creep,
If aught of rest I find, upon my sleep;
Or some swollen serpent twist his scales around,
And wake to anguish with a burning wound.

COLLINS'S Ecl. ii.

56. So manifold are the diseases to which the body of man is become subject, that, in a treatise of a Dr. Richard Banister, 113 diseases are mentioned, as incident to the *eyes and eyelids* only. See Biog. Brit.—Whether *the mind's eye* be liable to fewer, may be questioned.

57. The death and resurrection of Christ represent and produce in man a death to sin, and a resurrection to righteousness.—When the sun recedes from the autumnal equinox, he brings on the fall of the leaf, with a general withering and seeming extinction of the vegetable life during the dead of winter; and, when in his annual motion he rises again towards our hemisphere, nature feels a kind of resurrection.—Heylyn's Lectures, ii. 429.

58. It is with a Christian, as with the Sicilian vines.—“An old proprietor” (says Swinburne) “informed me, that the strength of the liquor depended on the close pruning of the vine.”—Travels in the Sicilies, ii. 240. sect. 33.

59. Dr.

59. Dr. Johnson thus speaks of his situation at Raufay : “ Such a feat of hospitality amidst the winds
 “ and waters fills the imagination with a delightful
 “ contrariety of images : without is the rough ocean
 “ and the rocky land, the beating billows and the
 “ howling storm : within is plenty and elegance,
 “ beauty and gaiety, the song and the dance ! ” —
 Apply this to the state of a good man’s mind amidst
 the troubles of the world, “ rejoicing in tribula-
 “ tion.” — So sings a poet, of *conscience* —

’Tis the warm blaze in the poor herdsman’s hut,
 That, when the storm howls o’er his humble thatch,
 Brightens his clay-built walls, and cheers his soul.

COUNT OF NARBONNE, act iv. sc. 4.

60. It is difficult for a man to suppress a conceit which tickles his own fancy, though he be sure to suffer by the publication of it. Owen, the epigrammatist, had expectations from an uncle, who was a Papist ; but he could not resist the charm of the following satirical distich :

An fuerit *Petrus* Romæ, sub judice lis est ;
Simonem Romæ nemo fuisse negat.

The consequence was, that the book was put into the *Index Expurgatorius*, and poor Owen put out of his uncle’s will.

PARADISE.

How beautiful this of Shakspeare!—

Consideration, like an angel came,
And whipp'd th' offending Adam out of him;
Leaving his body like a Paradise,
T' envelop and contain celestial spirits.

PARTY.

1. In proselyting men to a party, one convert is employed to make more from among his old friends and connections; somewhat in the manner in which wild gazelles are caught, by sending into the herd one already *taken* and *tamed*, with a *noose* so fastened to his horns, as to entangle the animal that first approaches to oppose him.—Goldsmith, iii. 86.

2. One is apt sometimes to wonder, why the characters, sayings, and writings of some men stand so high in the opinion and esteem of others. The phenomenon may, perhaps, be partly accounted for by the following observation of Dr. Goldsmith:—
“It is probable,” (says he) “there is not in the
“creation an animal of more importance to a
“goose, than a gander.”

PATIENCE.

1. A SURGEON is never more calm and free from passion, than when he is about to lance a swelling,
or

or to perform an amputation. If he were not so, he would be likely to miscarry in the operation, and to kill, instead of curing, his patient:—Let this be applied to the case of a clergyman reproving, or inflicting ecclesiastical censures.—*Ut ad urendum et secandum, sic et ad hoc genus castigandi raro invitique veniamus.*—*Ira procul absit, cum quâ nihil rectè fieri, nihil consideratè potest.*—Cic. Off. i. sec. 38.—Like the incision knife, and the caustic, let this species of chastisement be rarely and unwillingly resorted to: in all events let it be inflicted without anger, which in all things is absolutely inconsistent with propriety and deliberation.—See Arnold on Eccclus, xx. i.

2. The *portraits* of a man of wealth, a man of pleasure, and a man of power, do not excite our envy. Why then should the *originals*, which are made of as corruptible materials, which pass away like shadows, and last not so long as their pictures?

3. Afflictions, when accompanied with grace, alter their nature, as wormwood, eaten with bread, will lose its bitterness.—See Arbuthnot on Aliment, p. 15.

4. The bark of a tree contains an oily juice, which, when it is in greater plenty than can be exhaled by the sun, renders the plant evergreen. Such is the state of the man whose virtue is proof against the scorching heats of temptation and persecution; he is “like a green olive tree,” in the courts of the temple; “his leaf shall not wither.”

5. Women are generally supposed to be in mind, as well as body, of a more delicate frame than men; yet, in the primitive times, they went unhurt through the hottest flames of persecution: as the utmost force of boiling water is not able to destroy the structure of the tenderest plant, and the linaments of a white lily will remain after the strongest decoction.

6. An Italian bishop, who had endured much persecution with a calm unruffled temper, was asked by a friend how he attained to such a mastery of himself.—“By making a right use of my eyes,” said he. “I first look up to heaven, as the place whither I am going to live for ever: I next look down upon the earth, and consider how small a space of it will soon be all that I can occupy or want. I then look round me, and think how many are far more wretched than I am.”

7. Regner Lodbrog, imprisoned in a loathsome dungeon, and condemned to be destroyed by venomous serpents, solaced his desperate situation by recollecting and reciting the glorious exploits of his past life.—The soul, confined in its prison, the body, and infested by destructive passions, should support and comfort itself, by recollecting and celebrating the triumphs of its Redeemer, set forth in the Psalms: so Paul and Silas.—See Taylor’s Holy Dying, on *Patience*—the case of the *Gladiators*.

8. The cross which is laid upon us must be borne: if we are impatient, we lose the fruit of it. But
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if we accept it willingly, and bear it with patience and meek resignation, it is regarded as equivalent to a punishment of our own infliction.

PIETY,

As drawn by Fenelon in a letter to his pupil, the Duke of Burgundy—of whose devotion people had said it was “*sombre, scrupuleuse, & qui n'est pas assez proportionnée à son place*”—Melancholy, full of scruples, not sufficiently adapted to his situation—“*Si vous voulez faire honneur à votre piété, vous ne sauriez trop la rendre douce, simple, commode, sociale.*”—If you wish to do honour to your piety, you cannot be too careful to render it sweet and simple, affable and social.—See Maury, 443.

PLEASURE.

I. SURROUNDED with all the gaieties and glories of the court of France, Maintenon and Pompadour both experienced the depredations of melancholy; and declared they were not the happy persons they seemed to be, and that “in all states of life there was a frightful void.” The retreats of St. Cyr and Bellevue were the places in which, (if ever) they tasted happiness. Ann. Register, 1766. Memoirs of Mad. Pompadour.—See a letter of Lady M. W. Montague, in which she extols the superior

felicity of a milkmaid. These testimonies are curious, and worth noting.

2. A child is eager to have any toy he sees; but throws it away at the sight of another, and is equally eager to have *that*. We are most of us *children*, through life; and only change one *toy* for another, from the cradle to the grave.

3. They, who would enjoy health and strength, should follow the rule prescribed by Constantine, in the education of his sons: Consult in your nourishment only the wants of nature, and seek only in the toils of the body the relaxation of the mind. But most of our amusements now are of the sedentary kind, cards, &c. and journies are performed in the easiest vehicles.

4. People wish for great estates, generally, that they may be enabled by them to live a life of *indulgence*, and follow their *diversions*; which was the very idea formed of this matter by the boy, who said, that if he had the 'squire's estate, he would *eat fat bacon and swing all day upon farmer Hobson's gate*.—For the different ideas of people of pleasure, Selden tells of the boy, who said, if he were a lord, he would have a great whip as cried *flask*.

5. The colliers, in the north of England, pass most of their time under ground. When they emerge into day-light, the only thing they take any pleasure in is *cock-fighting*—as if the sun and air had been made for no other purpose.

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6. Let us think of the most exquisite spiritual pleasures we ever felt on earth, and reflect, that those pleasures will be eternal in heaven !

The gentle spring, that but salutes us here,
Inhabits *there*, and courts them all the year.

7. We are so made as to be always pleased with somewhat *in prospect*, however distant, or however trivial. Hence the pleasures of planting, sowing, building, raising a family, educating children, &c. The advancement of our minds, in this world, towards that perfection, of which they are to be possessed in the next, should be the grand object of our attention.

8. The Spartans wished to their enemies, that they might be seized with a humour of building, and keep a race of horses: the Cretans, that they might be delighted with some evil custom.—See Wanley, 137. Because he, whom pleasure lays hold of, will soon be impotent and of no effect.

PLURALITIES.

AN ingenious French author (Boursault) relates the following story. An Abbé, who had no preferment, exclaiming one day to Boileau against pluralities—"Is it possible," says the ecclesiastic, "that the people you named, who have the reputation of being very learned men, and are such in reality, should be mistaken in their opinion? Unless these would ab-

folutely oppofe the doctrine laid down by the apoftles, and the directions of councils, muft they not be obliged to confeß, that the holding feveral livings at the fame time is finful? I myfelf am in holy orders, and, be it faid without vanity, of one of the beft families in Touraine. It becomes a man of high birth to make a figure fuitable to it, and yet, I proteft to you, that if I can get an abbey, the yearly income of which is only 1000 crowns, my ambition will be fatisfied; and be affured, that nothing fhall tempt me to alter my refolution.”—Some time after, an abbey of 7000 crowns a year being vacant, his brother defired it for him, and was gratified in his request. The winter following he got another of ftill greater value; and a third being vacant, he foli-cited very ftrongly for this alfo, and obtained it. Boileau, hearing of thefe preferments, went and paid his friend a vifit. “Mr. Abbé,” fays he, “where is now that feafon of innocence and candour, in which you declared, that pluralifts hazarded their fouls greatly?” “Ah! good Boileau,” replied the Abbé, “did you but know how much pluralities contribute towards living well!”—“I am in no doubt of that,” replied Boileau; “but of what fervice are they, good Abbé, towards dying well?”

POISONOUS PLANTS.

PLANTS have their atmofpheres formed of particles emitted from them on all fides. Thefe atmofpheres

spheres have various effects on those who stay in them: some refresh the spirits, and enliven a man; others bring on a fit of the vapours; and a third sort lay him asleep. Thus it is exactly with *men*, and with *books*. It is reported, that in Brazil there are trees, which kill those that sit under their shade in a few hours. Beware of pestilential authors and their works.

POMFRET.

AN old woman who shewed the house and pictures at Towcester, expressed herself in these remarkable words: "That is Sir Robert Farner: he lived in the country, took care of his estate, built this house, and paid for it; managed well, saved money, and died rich.—*That* is his son; he was made a Lord, took a place at court, spent his estate, and died a beggar!"—A very concise, but full and striking account.

PREACHING.

1. A CHURCH stocked with unpreaching divines is like the city of Nibas in the neighbourhood of Theffalonica in Macedonia, where, Ælian tells us, the cocks were all dumb. Lib. xv. cap. 20.

2. It is as necessary for a preacher, in the composition of his sermon, to take into consideration the passions and prejudices of his audience, as it is for

an archer to choose his arrows with an eye to the wind and weather.

3. Preachers would do eminent service to religion, if, instead of labouring to prove plain points, which nobody disputes, such as the obligations of duty, they would employ their powers in stating its measures, discovering the various ways men have of eluding it, and shewing them their conformity or non-conformity to it.

4. The art of *fine speaking* is one thing, that of *persuasion* another. The prudent and affectionate address of a parent or a friend, however plain and unpolished, will do more towards inclining the will, than all the tropes and figures, the logic and rhetoric of the schools.

5. "Scarce any thing," says Dr. Trapp, "has of late years been more prejudicial to religion, than the neglect of the *theological* part of it, properly so called: and it is very greatly to be lamented, that some writers, even of our own church, out of an undue fervor in opposing some erroneous doctrines of Calvin, have run into the other extreme, and have too little regarded the necessary doctrines of religion." Pref. to Preservative, p. 5.

6. To preach *practical* sermons, as they are called, *i. e.* sermons upon virtues and vices, without inculcating those great scripture truths of redemption, grace, &c. which alone can incite and enable us to forsake sin, and follow after righteousness, what is it but to
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put together the wheels, and set the hands of a watch, forgetting the *spring*, which is to make them all go?

7. St. Austin did not think himself bound to abstain from all ornaments of style, because St. Paul said, that he preached the gospel *not with the enticing words of man's wisdom*. *Non prætermitto istos numeros clausularum*.—I do not neglect the music of my periods. He studied to make his language sweet and harmonious.—See Donne's Sermons, p. 48.

8. Tully's censure, passed on immoral philosophers, comes home, with a witness, to the business and bosoms of wicked clergymen.—*Ut enim, si grammaticum se professus quispiam barbarè loquatur; aut si absurdè canat is, qui se haberi velit musicum, hoc turpior sit, quod in eo ipso peccet, cujus profitetur scientiam: sic philosophus in vitæ ratione peccans, hoc turpior est, quod in officio, cujus magister esse volt, labitur; artemque vitæ professus, delinquit in vitâ*.—See the whole passage—*Tusc. Quæst. lib. ii. sec. 4.* non procul ab init. Glasg. p. 58.—As a grammarian who should speak barbarous language, or a musician who should sing out of tune, would be the more despicable for failing in the very art in which he professed to excel; so the philosopher, whose conduct is vicious or immoral, becomes an object of greater disgrace, since, while inculcating the duties of life, he fails in their performance; and, undertaking to reform the lives of others, sins in the regulation of his own.

9. Terse moral essays, opposed to the overflowings of ungodliness, remind one of the Chinese, who, in tempestuous weather, throw feathers into the sea, to quiet the storm, and drive away the devil.—See Travels of the Jesuits, by Lokman, ii. 58.

10. It is much to the honour of the Athenians, that they had a law among them, obliging every man, who found a stranger that had lost his way, to direct him into it again. A Christian is under obligation, by the divine law, to do the same in spirituals.

11. At the critical moment of that night, when Count Lestock, in 1741, was going to conduct the Princess Elizabeth to the palace, to dethrone the Regent, and put her in possession of the Russian empire, fear preponderated, and the princess refused to set out. The Count then drew from his pocket two cards, on one of which she was represented under the tonsure in a convent, and himself on a scaffold: on the other, she appeared ascending the throne, amidst the acclamations of the people. He laid both before her, and bade her choose her situation.—She chose the throne, and before morning was Empress of all the Russias.—A preacher should take the same method with his people, which the Count took with the Princess. Before the eyes of those who halt between God and the world, through fear, or any other motive, should be placed pictures of the joys of heaven, and the pains of hell,

hell. It remains only for them to choose right, and proceed to action. Success will be the consequence.

12. When the Romans heard Cicero, says Fénelon, they cried out, *O le bel orateur!*—O what a fine orator!—But when the Athenians heard Demosthenes, they called out, *Allons, battons Philippe!*—Come on, down with Philip!—The difference between the eloquence of the Grecian and that of the Roman orator is here expressed in a manner equally judicious and lively: and this is the true criterion of a *sermon*, as well as of an *oration*.—The exclamation of the audience should be, not, *O le bel orateur!* but, *Allons, battons Philippe!*—Let us attack such a *passion*, such an *appetite*, such an *error*; let us oppose the *world*, the *flesh*, and the *devil*! Demosthenes therefore is the author who should be studied and imitated by preachers.

PREDESTINATION.

It is much to be wished, that Christians would apply themselves to obey the gospel, instead of endeavouring to discover the designs of God concerning man before man was created, or the precise manner in which he touches the hearts of those who are converted. Salvation may be obtained without knowledge of this sort: besides, the wit of man may not be able to solve the difficulties that may be
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started on every side of these questions; upon which, obscure and intricate as they are, if decisions are made and enforced as articles of faith, schisms and factions must ensue. But the mischief is done, and there is no remedy; divines are therefore obliged to explain their own sentiments, and oppugn those of their adversaries, respectively, as well as they are able. Thus strifes are increased, time lost, and edification neglected.

PRINGLE (SIR JOHN).

HE was particularly fond of Bishop Pearce's Commentary and Notes. He was brought up in principles of virtue and piety; he was seduced to deism, but brought back again by an attentive consideration of the evidence; and *settled* by discovering that the doctrine of the Trinity made no part of the scriptures; that the mercy of God was not confined to a few, exclusive of others, and that future punishments were not eternal.—See Kippis's account prefixed to his Speeches. This is a way of making matters easy: a man strikes out of the gospel what he does not like, and then is graciously pleased to profess himself a believer of the rest. After this fashion, the religion certainly bids fair to become *universal*. “Thus,” says Kippis, “he added another name to the catalogue of the excellent and judicious persons who have gloried in being *rational Christians*.”

PROSPERITY.

1. PROSPERITY too often has the same effect on a *Christian*, that a calm at sea hath on a Dutch mariner, who frequently, it is said, in those circumstances, ties up the rudder, gets drunk, and goes to sleep.

2. In describing Sallust, at one time the loud advocate of public spirit, and afterwards sharing in the robberies of Cæsar, Warburton expresses this variation of character by the following imagery :

“ No sooner did the warm aspect of good fortune
 “ shine out again, but all those exalted ideas of vir-
 “ tue and honour, raised, like a beautiful kind of frost
 “ work, in the cold season of adversity, dissolved
 “ and disappeared.”

PROVIDENCE.

1. SOMETIMES it pleaseth God to punish men for smaller sins in this life ; which would not be, unless greater punishments were prepared for greater sins in the next. There must either be a future day of judgment and retribution, or no God who governs the world.

2. There is a certain part in the great drama, which God intends each of us to act, but we often take a fancy to change it for some other, by which means we become miserable or ridiculous. “ It is
 “ an uncontrolled truth,” says Swift, “ that no man
 “ ever

“ever made an ill figure who understood his own talents, nor a good one who mistook them.”—See Aſcham, p. 166.

3. The schemes of worldly politicians are ſo many ſpider’s webs, which, when woven with infinite care and pains, are ſwept away at a ſtroke, by Providence, with *the beſom of deſtruction*.

Omnia ſunt hominum tenui pendentia filo,
Et ſubito caſu, quo valere, ruunt.

OVID.

Hung on a thread, man’s perſhable pride
Trembles, and falls as fate and chance decide.

4. What inextricable confuſion muſt the world for ever have been in, but for the variety which we find to obtain in the faces, the voices, and the hand-writings of men! No ſecurity of perſon, no certainty of poſſeſſion, no juſtice between man and man, no diſtinction between good and bad, friends and foes, father and child, huſband and wife, male and female. All would have been expoſed to malice, fraud, forgery, and luſt. But now, every man’s face can diſtinguiſh him in the light, his voice in the dark, and his hand-writing can ſpeak for him though abſent, and be his witneſs to all generations. Did this happen by chance, or is it not a manifeſt, as well as an admirable, indication of a divine ſuperintendence?—See Derham, i. 310.

5. When we peruſe the hiſtory of Iſrael in the Scriptures, we behold the working of Providence in
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every event. The history of other nations would appear in the same light, if the same person were to write it, and unfold in like manner the grounds and reasons of his proceedings with *them*. At present we must learn as much as we can, by an application of parallel cases. So with regard to individuals.

6. We easily persuade ourselves that a cause is good, when its patrons are victorious, and have the disposition of things in their hands. Cicero, pleading before Cæsar, for the life of Ligarius, says, that, while the civil war was carrying on, *Causa tum dubia, quod erat aliquid in utrâque parte, quod probari posset: nunc melior certè ea judicanda est, quam etiam dii adjuverint.*—The cause was then doubtful, since there was, in each party, something to claim our approbation: but now undoubtedly that cause must be considered as the better, in whose favour Heaven itself has declared.

7. “Such a respect,” says Plutarch, “had the Romans for religion, that they made all their affairs “depend solely on the pleasure of the gods, never suffering, no not in their greatest prosperity, “the least neglect or contempt of their ancient rites, “or oracles; being fully persuaded, that it was of “much greater importance to the public welfare, that “their magistrates and generals should reverence “and obey the gods, than if they conquered “and subdued their enemies.”—In Vitâ Marcell:

PROVOCATIONS

TO BE AVOIDED.

It was well said by Dr. Whichcot—"If I provoke
 "a man, he is the worse for my company: if I suffer
 "myself to be provoked by him, I shall be the
 "worse for his."

RECTITUDE.

MR. Harris observes, from M. Antoninus, that
rectitude is ascribed to actions, as denoting the di-
 rectness of their progression *right onward*, and quotes
 from a sonnet of Milton——

Yet I argue not
 Against Heav'n's hand or will; nor bate one jot
 Of heart or hope; but still bear up, and steer
Right onward.——

Three Discourses, 306.

RELIGION.

"RELIGION, viewed at a proper point of sight,
 "hath a very beautiful face. It is innocent, and
 "very careful not to hurt any body, or, doing it
 "inadvertently, is uneasy till it hath made him
 "amends. It always means well, and does as well
 "as ever it can. If it offends, it wants to be re-
 "conciled; confesses its faults, prays to be forgiven,
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“ is desirous to be informed ; is less adventurous ;
 “ more circumspect ; sensible of its own frailty ; for-
 “ gives every body ; abounds in good will ; delights
 “ in good offices ; keeps itself clean ; is pleased with
 “ itself : looks cheerful ; is cheerful ! Why, then,
 “ will any one be so indiscreet, as to dress this
 “ lovely form in such a frightful manner, as to ter-
 “ rify the beholder, instead of inviting him to em-
 “ brace it ? ” — Dr. Newton’s Sermon on the Mini-
 sterial Duty, p. 30.

RETIREMENT.

1. THE din of politics in all companies makes one sometimes envy the Carthusian monks, of whom it is said—“ They led a life of tranquillity amidst the
 “ general tumults, which distracted the rest of the
 “ world, of which they hardly heard the rumour ;
 “ and knew nothing of the mighty sovereigns of the
 “ earth, but by name, when they prayed for them.”
 — Volt. Hist. iv. 128.

2. The following simile of the same writer, upon a subject of the same kind, is extremely just and beautiful.—“ The artificers and merchants, whose
 “ humble station had protected them from the am-
 “ bitious fury of the Great, were like ants, who dug
 “ themselves peaceable and secure habitations, while
 “ the eagles and vultures of the world were tearing
 “ one another in pieces.” iii. 25.

3. The retired situation of the old solitary saints,

and their moping and musing way of life, threw them frequently into melancholy and enthusiasm, and sometimes into phrensy and madness; and, indeed, there are few heads strong enough to bear perpetual solitude, and a confinement to the same place, the same objects, the same occupations, and the same little circle of action; and when to all this is added want of proper food and proper sleep, it is no wonder if a man lose his senses. Jortin's Sermons, iii. 240.

4. Retirement is necessary at times, to relieve from the cares of life; as the Indians, in some countries, at evening bury themselves in the sand, to escape from the musquettos.—Mosely on Tropical Diseases, p. 20.

N. B. When a man retreats into the country for health, he should go to some distance from the usual scene of business, and cut off the communication with care and anxiety. Ibid. 39.

5. Though retirement is my dear delight, says Melmoth, yet upon some occasions I think I have too much of it; and I agree with Balzac, "*Que la solitude est certainement une belle chose; mais il y a plaisir d'avoir quelqu'un à qui on puisse dire de tems en tems, que la solitude est une belle chose.*" Fitz-osborn, 122.—Solitude is certainly a fine thing; but there is a pleasure in having some one whom we may tell from time to time, that solitude is a fine thing.—It is the disadvantage of retirement and solitude, that men fall into erroneous and fantastical opinions
and

and systems, for want of sifting and proving them in conversation and friendly debate. This is well stated in letter lxxiv. p. 365. W. Law was a remarkable instance of it.

6. Conversation should certainly be more practised than it is, on subjects of science, morality, and religion. The less a man converses, the less he will be *able* to converse. Selkirk, who spent three years alone in the island of Juan Fernandes, had almost lost the use of speech. Thuanus used to say, reading was not of that use to him as conversing with learned men, which he did daily. Why was the style of Sallust artificial and dark, when that of Cæsar and Cicero was natural and plain? Because the two latter, by being accustomed to harangue senates and popular assemblies, gave themselves to use such speech as *the meanest should well understand, and the wisest best allow*; whereas Sallust wrote in his study, and from books only. Sir John Checke, in Ascham, p. 339.—Cited also by Lord Monboddo.

RICH TO ASSIST THE POOR.

EPAMINONDAS, who himself had nothing to give, sent a friend in necessity to a rich citizen, with orders to ask 1000 crowns in his name. His reason being demanded by the citizen—"Why," said Epaminondas, "it is because this honest man is poor, and you are rich."—*That* he thought was a sufficient reason.

SAYINGS.

1. ADRIAN, the coadjutor of Ximenes in the government of Castile, was much disturbed at the libels which flew about against them. Ximenes was perfectly easy. "If," said he, "we take the liberty to act, others will take the liberty to talk, and write: when they charge us falsely, we may laugh; when truly, we must amend."

2. Dr. Green of St. John's college, trying to skate, got a terrible fall backwards. "Why, Doctor," said a friend who was with him, "I thought you had understood the business better." "O," replied the Doctor, "I have the theory perfectly; I want nothing but the practice."—How many of us, in matters of a much higher and more important nature, come under the Doctor's predicament!

3. "You have the word, and we have the sword," said Weston to the reformed divines in Queen Mary's time.

4. Cardinal Wolsey's reflection, made just before he expired, should be laid to heart by every man, when tempted to bestow upon the world, or any thing in it, that affection and service which are due to God.—"Had I but served God as diligently as I have served the King, HE would not have given me over in my grey hairs."

5. To those, who would win men to religion by fire and faggot, may be applied the remark of the

Earl

Earl of Huntley, when Protector Somerset marched into Scotland with 18,000 men, to effect a marriage between the young queen of that kingdom and Edward VI.—“ That he disliked not the match, but “ hated the manner of wooing.”

6. There were at one time, in one college in Oxford, six physicians. Of two, the feet and breath were offensive; one was remarkably lean; two were quarrelsome and turbulent; and one very ignorant in his profession. They were called, “ Plague, “ Pestilence, and Famine; Battle, Murder, and “ Sudden Death.”

7. A person coming into Melancthon’s house, found him holding a book with one hand, and rocking a child with the other. Upon his expressing some surprise, Melancthon made such a pious discourse to him, about the duty of a father, and the state of grace in which children are with God, that this stranger went away, says Bayle, much more edified than he came.

8. “ Shaftesbury,” said Charles, “ thou art certainly the greatest rogue in England.”—“ Of a *subject*, Sir,” replied he, “ perhaps I am.”

9. When James II. went to mass, the Duke of Norfolk carrying the sword of state, stopped at the chapel door, and let the king pass. “ Your father,” said James to him, “ would have gone farther.” —“ Your majesty’s father,” replied the duke, “ would not have gone so far.”

10. Very striking is St. Augustine's reflection, on the effect produced by our Lord's answer to those who came to apprehend him.—“ I am he, *Εγώ ειμι.*” *Quid judicaturus faciet, qui judicandus hoc fecit!*—How will he act as a judge, who acted thus as a criminal!

11. Melancthon, when he went to the conferences at Spire, in 1529, made a little journey to Bretten, to see his mother. The good woman asked him, what she must believe, amidst so many disputes, and repeated to him her prayers, which contained nothing superstitious: “ Go on, mother,” said he, “ to believe and pray, as you have done, and never “ trouble yourself about controversies.”—The advice of a wife and a good man.

12. Three or four English gentlemen on their travels through Italy, happening to be at St. Marino, on a fish day, applied to a butcher, to procure for them, if possible, a joint of veal. The butcher said he would do any thing to oblige them, but could not kill for them, as nobody would buy but themselves. They continued very importunate, and offered to take any quantity. “ Well, then, gentlemen,” said the fellow, at last, “ I will venture to kill a calf; and if you will take half of it to-day, I will trust to THE REPUBLIC for the other half to-morrow.”

13. Bajazet, upon the march, at the head of his mighty army, after the capture of his favourite city
Sebastia,

Sebastia, by the enemy, hearing a poor shepherd playing on his pipe on the side of a hill, exclaimed —“Happy shepherd, who hast no Sebastia to lose!” —Knolles.

14. Mahomet II. after he had taken Constantinople, being reproached for spending all his time with Irene, a captive Greek, forgetting his intended conquests, and neglecting the concerns of empire, ordered a convention of all his great men; produced Irene before them, asked them, if they could blame him, when they beheld her, and then, to convince them he could master his passions, seizing her by the hair with his left hand, chopped off her head with his right.

15. Very shrewd and sensible observations are often made by persons disordered in their senses. Dr. Heylyn used to apply, upon this occasion, an old Spanish proverb, which says, that light makes its way into a dark room, through a CRACK.

16. *Nec verò ego, says Sadolet, aliud medius fidius statuo esse sapientiàm, quam meminisse unumquemque quid sui officii et muneris sit, idque cum fide et cum integritate præstare.* Epist. p. 21.—That, that alone I deem to be wisdom, which enables a man to keep present to his mind a sense of his duty, and with integrity and firmness to perform it.

17. Sir William Dawes, Archbishop of York, was very fond of a pun. His clergy dining with him, for the first time, after he had lost his lady, he told
them,

them, he feared they did not find things in so good order as they used to be in the time of poor Mary; and, looking extremely sorrowful, added, with a deep sigh, "She was, indeed, *Mare pacificum!*"—A curate, who pretty well knew what she had been, called out, "Aye, my Lord, but she was "*Mare mortuum* first."—Sir William gave him a living of 200*l. per annum* within two months afterwards.

18. Many of those fighting heroes, so celebrated in story, may be compared, as Mr. Boyle observes, to worthless *gnats*, considerable only for their *noise* and *stings* with which they disturb men's *rest*.

19. Valeria being asked, why, after the death of her husband Servius, she would not marry again, answered, "*Ideo hoc facio quia Servius meus, licet aliis mortuus sit, apud me vivit, vivetque semper.*"—This I do, because my Servius, though dead to others, lives, and will ever live, to me.—See Dietrich. ii. 435.

20. Dr. Johnson being asked, what he thought of the Scotch universities: "Why, Sir," said he, "they are like a besieged town, where every man "has a mouthful, and no man has a bellyful."

21. The same person, being asked by some Scotch philosophers, whether he thought a man would exist by choice, or necessity, replied—"If an Englishman, by choice; if a Scotchman, by necessity."

22. Rochester said, with astonishment, "That
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“ he did not know how it was, but Lord Dorset might do any thing, and yet was never to blame.” Every body excused whom every body loved for the tenderness of his nature.—Royal and Noble Authors, p. 96.

23. On Lord Dorset’s promotion, King Charles, having seen Lord Craven (a proverb for officious whisperers to men in power) pay his usual tribute to him, asked the former, what the latter had been saying. The Earl gravely replied, “ Sir, my Lord Craven did me the honour to whisper, but I did not think it good manners to listen.”—This was exactly in the spirit of Charles’s own witticisms. Ibid. p. 97.

24. When the same Lord Dorset was dying, Congreve, who had been to visit him, being asked how he left him, replied, “ Faith, he flabbers more wit than other people have in their best health.” Ibid. p. 97.

25. Shaftesbury (author of the *Characteristicks*) attempting to speak on the bill for granting counsel to prisoners in cases of high treason, was confounded; and for some time could not proceed; but recovering himself, he said, “ What now happened to him, would serve to fortify the arguments for the bill—If he, innocent, and pleading for others, was daunted at the augustness of such an assembly, what must a man be who should plead before them for his life ?” Ibid. p. 106.

26. When the Lieutenant of the Tower offered Strafford a coach, lest he should be torn to pieces by

the mob, in passing to execution; he replied, "I die to please the people, and I will die in their own way."—Royal and Noble Authors, p. 163.

27. Henry Lord Falkland being brought early into the House of Commons, and a grave senator objecting to his youth, and "to his not looking as if he had sown his wild oats;" he replied with great quickness, "Then I am come to the properest place, where are so many geese to pick them up." Ibid. p. 221.

28. "My dear Pouilly," says Bolingbroke, "of all the men I ever knew in my life, there are but three fit to take upon them the task of governing nations—you and I and Pope." Pope had resigned his understanding to Bolingbroke; who was so pleased with the sacrifice, that he thought Pope, of all the men in the world, qualified to be a *prime minister*. This was most undoubtedly Pope's title; and it is natural for us to suppose, that M. Pouilly de Champeaux held his estate by the same kind of tenure.—The letter containing this very curious passage was lately published in the preface to an edition of the works of Champeaux. On the same principle of vanity, Bolingbroke palmed upon his friends a silly mistress of his for a wit, because she repeated good things which he had said, and pretended to have forgot. *Ab, la pauvre humanité!*

29. Repentance and renovation consist not in the wish, or purpose, but in the actual operations of a

good life. As Dryden observes, that speculative painting, without the assistance of manual operation; can never attain to perfection, but slothfully languishes; for it was not with his tongue that Apelles performed his noble works.

30. The ascent to greatness, however steep and dangerous, may entertain an active spirit with the consciousness and exercise of its own power; but the possession of a throne could never yet afford a lasting satisfaction to an ambitious mind. This melancholy truth was felt and acknowledged by Severus: Fortune and merit had, from an humble station, elevated him to the first place among mankind. "He had been all things," as he said of himself, "and all was of little value." *Omnia fuit et nihil expedit.* Distracted with the care, not of acquiring, but of preserving an empire, oppressed with age and infirmities, careless of fame, and satiated with empire, all his prospects of life were closed.—Gibbon, i. 130.

31. "Though I suffer," said Augustine when sick, "yet I am well, because I am as God would have me to be; for when we will not what he wills, it is we that are in the fault, and not he, who can neither do nor permit any thing but what is just." Letter xxxviii. edit. Benedict.

32. "It is incomparably better," says he in the same letter, "to shut the door of our heart against just anger, when it offers to come in, than to give it entrance; being uncertain, whether it may
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“not grow too powerful for us to turn it out
“again.”

33. “*Non est episcopatus artificium transigendæ vitæ
“fallacis.*—Episcopacy ought not to be looked upon
“as an establishment, or a means to procure the
“deceitful pleasures of life.” Letter lviii.

34. Nectarius, an heathen, interceding with Augustine for some of his fellow-citizens, who had committed some crime, urges this reason to prevail with him: “That it is the duty of a bishop to do
“nothing but good to mankind: not to meddle
“with their affairs; unless it be to make them better, and to intercede with God to pardon their
“faults.” Letter xc.

SERPENTS.

THE effects of their poison are wonderful; as of that called the *copper-head* in South America. A man stung by one became like a serpent: spots of various colours alternately appeared and vanished on different parts of his body: rage filled his eyes; which darted the most menacing looks on all present; he thrust out his *tongue* as the snakes do, and *bisfed* through his teeth with inconceivable force.—A striking picture of our great adversary, and the manner in which by his suggestions he acts on the human mind, and fills it with his own temper and disposition. These effects from the bite of a serpent
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are not more extraordinary, than the foamings and barkings, and disposition to bite, which have been observed in cases of canine madness.—See Letters from an American Farmer, by J. Hector St. John, letter x. Crit. Rev. April 1782, p. 267. See in the same place the account of a battle between two snakes, a black snake and a water snake, each six feet long, till they both fell into the ditch, where one kept the head of the other under water till he was suffocated.

SEVERITY PROFITABLE.

CHILDREN are the better for the severity of their parents, and the reproaches of an enemy serve often to correct and improve the person who is the object of them. The case, if we credit Erasmus, is pretty much the same in the republic of letters.—*Unius Laurentii Vallæ mordacitas non paulo plus conduxit rei literariæ, quam plurimorum ineptus candor, omnia omnium sine delectu mirantium, sibi que invicem plaudentium, ac mutuum (quod aiunt) scabentium.* Epist. iii. 96.—The severity of Laurentius Valla did more service to the cause of letters, than the absurd indulgence of those, who, giving indiscriminate praise to the works of others, expect the same for their own, and, to use the words of the proverb, agree in scratching one another.

SHAKSPEARE's GENIUS.

SHAKSPEARE was perhaps in some instances less inventive than commonly imagined. It appears from Dr. Farmer's pamphlet, that there was an astonishing mass of materials before him in old translations of the classics, of Italian tales, romances, &c. Some of these are still extant; but many others, whose names are preserved, have perished. From the former he is seen continually borrowing. The celebrated speech of Volúmnia to her son, is a piece of such remaining prose, only thrown into blank verse. In most cases however, though the clay pre-existed, he was the Prometheus who animated it.

SHYNESS.

MR. LOVEDAY used to style it *the English madness*. If indulged, it may be the cause of madness, by driving men to shun company, and live in solitude, which few heads are strong enough to bear—none, if it be joined with idleness. Or it may be the *effect* of madness, which is misanthropic and malignant. Some say *pride* is always at the bottom. You do not like company, you are uneasy in it. Why? You are conscious of some infirmity which disqualifies you from shining, and making that figure you wish to do. Others excel you in breeding, conversation,

versation, and the arts of pleasing. You feel self-abasement and vexation at being thus abashed and kept under: you fly from the scene of torment, hating your tormentors, and abusing them either to yourself, or in society of an inferior sort, among those who will join you, having perhaps suffered the same, or worse; and so you relieve and comfort one another. —All this, I am afraid, is too true. An Englishman is upon the reserve, according to Mrs. Piozzi, by way of security, lest he should say something open to the censure and ridicule of others, and so his character should suffer. This is upon the same principle: and so, if he cannot say something fine and witty, and *worthy of himself*, he sits sullen, and says nothing. Thus a whole company, among us, is often silent for a considerable time together, till they wish themselves and one another *farther*. The Italians; it seems, talk freely and easily all that occurs, having no such thoughts and fears. “A Frenchman,” says Ganganelli, “is superficial and lively; an Englishman profound and gloomy.” —Which is best? In a social light, and as a companion, certainly the former.

SLAVERY.

HE is a slave, who cannot do that which he wishes to do, and which his sober reason and judgment dictate to be done. When this is to be the case, it

is rather better that the tyrant should be *without*, than *within*; for then he is always at hand to domineer; and he is harder to be vanquished and cast off.

SOBRIETY.

THE residence of wisdom is said by one of the ancients to be in dry regions, not in bogs and fens. If the temperature of climate and soil have a great effect upon the mind, that of the body must needs have a far greater; and he, who, by drenching himself continually with liquor, puts his body into the state of Holland, may expect to have the genius of a Dutchman for his pains.

SOCIAL DUTY.

1. HE, who laments that he has not leisure to *pursue his studies*, when he is called upon to perform the duties of life, says Epictetus, is like a champion at the Olympic games, who, when he enters the lists, should fall a crying, because he is not exercising without.

2. A neglect of our duty to our friends and families, or to any person who may justly expect it from us, cannot be excused by allotting those hours to meditation, to prayer, to religious studies, which belong properly to society, and to the exercise of social virtues. Jortin's Sermons, iii. 238.

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SOCINIANS.

THEY projected a league with the churches of Algiers and Morocco, in the time of Charles II. See their proposal to the ambassador, in the works of Leslie.—Adam Neuser, who was employed to introduce Socinianism into Germany, being disappointed, went into Turkey, and enlisted among the Janisaries. Mosheim, iv. 192. 8vo. where see an excellent account of the rise and progress of Socinianism and its principles. Socinus thought Christ was to be worshipped. (Stillington, 149) Some of his followers went farther, and denied that article: he tried to reclaim them, but in vain.—See Stillington on the Trinity, preface, p. 59. At p. 62 there is a quotation from a Socinian writer, who styles the Tartars—“the shield and sword of that way of worshipping God.” Paulus Alciatus is there mentioned, who from an Unitarian turned a Mahometan.

SUICIDE.

A SCORPION, when he finds himself inclosed, and no way left him to escape, will bend his tail round, and sting himself through the head. And it is remarkable, that this is the only animal in the creation, man excepted, that can be made to commit *suicide*.

SUN.

IF the sun were intelligent, he would see and know all, even to the intimate substance of things, as his rays penetrate to and affect every atom of matter. Thus is the Deity intimate to the spirits and thoughts of men. Cudworth adduces the instance of the sun, as furnishing an idea how all things may be viewed and governed by the Deity without pain, labour or fatigue, in answer to the objection of the atheists against Providence; (Bibl. Choix. ix. 64.) and a noble illustration it is as was ever conceived by man. A curious passage on the subject of God's omniscience is cited by Le Clerc, in the same place, from Xenophon's Mem. c. iv. 17. edit. Oxon. 8vo. God's glory consists in the communication of his goodness to his creatures, as the light diffused from the sun is the glory of the celestial luminary. Cudworth, B. C. ix. 69.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

THE different sects may instruct each its own children in a school of its own; but I do not see how the children of different sects can be instructed together in one school, as their doctrines, catechisms, &c. are different: and the children are to be conducted to separate places of worship: the parents of one sort will not approve of their children
being

being carried to the church or meeting-house of another. How can you bring them all up in a *catholic* way, unless you have one *catholic* i. e. *universal, general, common* religion in which to bring them up? To be of a *catholic spirit*, is to unite in that one religion; not to jumble together the errors, inconsistencies, and heresies of all. This must end in indifference. It may bring the people of the church nearer to the sects; but the present times do not give us any hope, that it will bring the sects nearer to the church.—See Bruce, v. i. p. 519—523.

TARTARS.

THEIR CUSTOMS.

1. IN Kardan, a province of Tartary, as soon as a woman is delivered, she rises, washes, and dresses the child. Then the husband, getting into bed with the infant, keeps it there forty days, and receives visits *as if he* had lain in.—It seemeth not easy to account for this custom. Apply this to the case of authors who publish other people's works as their own, and take the credit to themselves; or to rectors, who value themselves on account of the good done by their curates.

2. Various have been the disputes, in different ages and nations, about the object of adoration. In some parts of Tartary, the inhabitants, to make short work of it, worship the oldest man in the

house, as the being from whom the rest of the family have received life and all things.—Apply this to those who dote upon antiquity, as such.

TEA.

THE Mogul Tartars, Abbé Grozier tells us, who feed on raw flesh, are subject to continual indigestions whenever they give over the use of tea.—It may be the same in some degree with all who eat so much animal food as we do. It is true, the work of digestion is made easier by fire, in dressing; but then our stomachs are weaker than those of the Tartars. Tea should not be drunk, but when there is something for it to feed upon.

TEMPERANCE.

1. CARNIVOROUS animals have more courage, and muscular strength, and activity, in proportion to their bulk; which is evident by comparing the cat-kind, as lions, tigers, and likewise the dog-kind, with herb-eating animals of the same bulk. Birds of prey excel granivorous in strength and courage. I know more than one instance of irascible passions being much subdued by a vegetable diet.—Arbutnot.

2. Imitation requires judgment to discern when circumstances are parallel; because, if they are not, it will be absurd and ridiculous; as a goose, that sees
another

another goose drink, will do the same though he is not thirsty.—The custom of drinking for company, when drink is disagreeable and prejudicial, seems to be a case of the same kind, and to put a man (feathers only excepted) upon a footing with a goose.

3. The emperor of Abyssinia, at his meals, has always an officer present, whose business it is, as soon as he perceives in his imperial majesty any tendency to intemperance, to tell him of it; upon which he immediately rises from table, and retires.—See Dr. Poncet's Journey into Ethiopia, in the Jesuits' Travels by Lokman, vol. i.

4. "You Europeans," say the Hottentots, "are madmen. You build great houses, though your bodies take up but little space: you have so great a number of wants, in order for clothing and nourishing yourselves, that, not contented with things sufficient for yourselves in Europe, you come to this and other countries, in order to dispossess the inhabitants of their clothes and food. With regard to ourselves, we want neither money nor wares: as we neither eat nor dress after your manner, there is nothing can oblige us to work and disturb ourselves as you do."

5. Hippocrates and Cornaro did so much honour to physic and temperance, as to insure their bodies from the attack of any disease; nor were they mistaken.

6. Porphyry's comparison is very just, that a full meal is like Sifera's banquet, at the end of which there is a nail struck into a man's temples.—See Arnold on Ecclus. xxxi. 20.

7. A man who is determined, either by choice or necessity, to drink rum and water, should keep a jealous eye on his *measure*; that once violated, his palate becomes vitiated; and if reason is not exerted to *prevent*, it will seldom be found equal to the task of *correcting* a habit formed upon the ruins of fortitude.—Mosely on Tropical Diseases, p. 55. An admirable observation, deserving well to be regarded by all who drink a mixture of *any spirit* with water—or even of *wine* and water.

TIME.

1. “No man (saith Lord Bacon) can be so straitened and oppressed with business and an active course of life, but he may have many vacant times of leisure, while he expects the returns and tides of business: The question is, how these shall be filled up; with study and contemplation, or with sensuality and pleasure.—A man may be out of his bed for sixteen of the twenty-four hours: what might not be done in that time?” See Rambler, 108. vol. iii. p. 14.

2. “Every day is a year to a silk-worm, and has in it the four seasons: the morning is spring, the middle of the day is summer, the evening autumn, and
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“the night winter.”—Voyages and Travels, iv. 193, from Navarettc. To man life is a year, and a year is a day.—See the Idler.

3. Past scenes are generally recollected with a solemn sadness, caused by the thought, that the time is gone which will never more return. Our days must be well and profitably spent, if we would remember them with pleasure.

4. In our Christian course, it is but too generally and too truly observed, that as we grow older, we grow colder; we become more slack, remiss, and weary in well doing. The reverse ought to be the case, for the reason assigned by the apostle, when, stirring up his converts to vigour, and zeal, and alacrity, he says—“For now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.”—In a *race*, the *push* is made at *last*.

5. What enabled Dr. Birch to go through such a variety of undertakings was his being an early riser. By this method he had executed the business of the morning before numbers of people had begun it. And indeed, it is the peculiar advantage of rising betimes, that it is not in the power of any interruptions, avocations, or engagements whatever, to deprive a man of the hours which have already been well employed, or to rob him of the consolation of reflecting, that he hath not spent the day in vain.—Biog. Brit. ii. 323.

6. There is a traditional anecdote concerning Mr.
Boyle,

Boyle, that he used sometimes to have it inscribed over his door—"Mr. Boyle is not to be spoken with to-day." This was very proper in one who was often engaged in processes of the utmost importance, and which required an unremitted attention. Indeed, if literary men, in general, could find a rational method of preventing the interruptions of needless morning visitants, it would be of service to the prosecution of many useful designs. *Ibid.* 514.

7. Cardan's motto was, "*Tempus mea possessio, tempus ager meus.*—Time is my estate, my land that I am to cultivate."—Lord, grant me ever to consider this, and so to cultivate it, that it may bring forth fruit to life eternal! *Amen.*

TRIUMPH BEFORE VICTORY.

Nothing can be got, but much may be lost, by triumphing before a battle. When Charles V. invaded France, he lost his generals and a great part of his army by famine and disease; and returned baffled and thoroughly mortified from an enterprise, which he began with such confidence of its happy issue, that he desired Paul Jovius the historian to make a large provision of paper sufficient to record the victories which he was going to acquire.

TYPES.

THE Mosaic types are like triangular prisms, that must be set in a due light and posture, before they can represent that great variety of spiritual mysteries contained in them. The office of the prophets was to do this, and direct the people to see in these glasses the Son of God fully represented to their view. Still. Orig. Lec. b. ii. c. 5.

VAIN CURIOSITY.

MANY people, instead of minding their own business, and securing their souls, amuse themselves with enquiring what will be the fate of Heathens, Jews, Turks, and other Infidels, till they become little better than Infidels themselves.—“Lord, and what shall this man do?” “What is that to thee? follow thou me.”

UNIVERSITIES.

1. IT was a custom with the Gymnosophists, every day, at dinner, to examine their disciples, how they had spent the morning; and every one was obliged to shew, that he had discharged some good office, practised some virtue, or improved in some part of learning. If nothing of this appeared, he was sent back without his dinner.—A mighty good institution,

tion, surely! Pity but it could be revived, and practised in college halls!

2. "For one lost by his own passions," says Maty, "I have known at least forty men ruined by *not being told of their danger.*" He proposes for reformation of universities—

1. Expulsion of those who will not submit to rules and orders, and a state of pupillage.

2. A rigorous exaction of the stated appearances at chapel, and in the hall.

3. To break, by varied hours of lecture, the possibility of long junketings.

4. Some feeling lectures from Plato and Epictetus on the dignity and manliness of the *boni vivere parvo*; the dependance and servility of debt; the *inelegance* and future mischiefs of promiscuous concubinage.

WIT.

1. HE, who sacrifices religion to wit, like the people mentioned by Ælian, worships a fly, and offers up an ox to it.

2. Wit, like salt, should excite an appetite, not provoke disgust; cleanse wounds, not create them; be used to recommend and preserve that which is sound, not be thrown away upon that which is already rotten.

3. Wit without wisdom is salt without meat,
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and that is but a comfortless dish to set a hungry man down to. Wit employed to disguise and prejudice truth, is salt thrown into a man's eyes.

4. Nothing is more absurd than to divert a man who wants to be comforted; for salt, though an excellent relisher, is a miserable cordial.

5. Jocularitv should not be obtruded upon company when they are not in the humour for it; as a well bred man would no more force salt than pepper upon his guests, whose constitutions it might not suit.

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To this Catalogue may be added, the Letters in the Gentleman's Magazine for 1752 and 1753, signed *Ingenuus*, in Reply to the Letters of *Candidus*, on the Controversy concerning the Cherubim; the greater Part of the Preface to Dr. Dodd's Translation of Callimachus, published in 1755; the Letters in the St. James's Chronicle, commencing January 1, 1767, under the Title of The Miscellany, by Nathanael Freebody; the Republication of Dean Stanhope's Edition of the Translation of Bishop Andrews's Devotions, from the Greek, with a recommendatory Preface by Bishop Horne; the Academy of Abstraction, a Vision, in the General Evening Post, August 31, 1771; Remarks on Voltaire's Pupil of Nature, in the same Paper, September 12, 1771; a Letter on the *Confessional*, signed *Clericus*, August 17, 1771; another, with the same Signature and on the same Subject, September 19, 1771; a Modest Proposal, humbly offered to the Consideration of the Legislature, printed on a Folio Sheet without Signature or Date; the Papers signed Z in the Olla Podrida, a periodical Publication, conducted by Mr. Monro, then A. B. and Demy of Magdalen College, and printed at Oxford in 1787; since reprinted (1788) in an 8vo Volume; and the Cautions to the Readers of Mr. Law, together with the Specimens of Poetry, and Thoughts on various Subjects, subjoined to these Memoirs of the Bishop's Life, Studies, and Writings.

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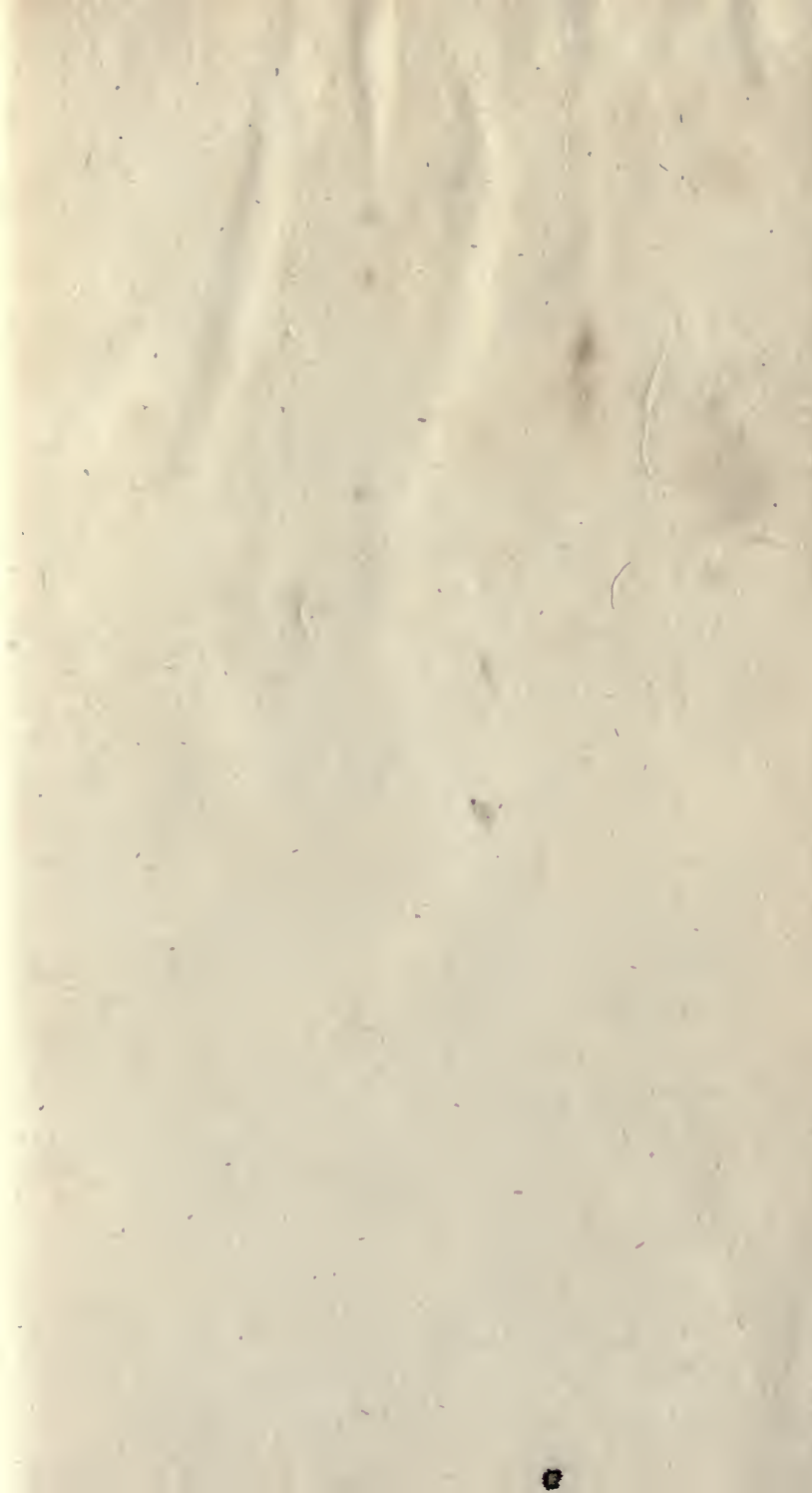
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